

1D verb + -ing form

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Sometimes we use two verbs together.

I enjoy cooking.

I don't like working at the weekend.

We use the *-ing* form of the second verb after verbs of feeling: *love, like, enjoy, not mind, *dislike, hate*, etc.
**not mind* = it's not a problem

I don't mind packing.

Priya **doesn't mind** waiting.

infinitive	-ing form	spelling
join cry	joining crying	most verbs, add <i>-ing</i>
hide wake up	hiding waking up	verbs ending <i>-e</i> , change <i>-e</i> to <i>-ing</i>
swim begin	swimming beginning	verbs ending consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC), double the final consonant and add <i>-ing</i>
know play	knowing playing	verbs ending CVC with <i>-y, -w</i> or <i>-x</i> , do not double the final consonant
offer develop	offering developing	verbs ending CVC when the stress is not on the final syllable, do not double the final consonant*

**begin* → *beginning*: the stress is on the final syllable. Double the *-n*.

offer, develop → *offering, developing*: the stress is not on the final syllable. Don't double the *-r* or the *-p*.

In the negative, we can also use *not* + *-ing*.

I don't like video meetings. I hate not meeting people face to face.

We use *like, love, hate* + *-ing* form to talk about things that are always true.

We use *would like, would love, would hate* + *to* infinitive to talk about something we want or don't want now or in the future.

I like listening to your travel stories, and **I'd love to hear** more, but not now.

I love visiting really hot countries, but **I'd hate to live** in a hot country.

Notice

After *like, love* and *hate*, it is also possible to use the *to* infinitive when talking about the present.

I like dancing. I like to dance.

I love swimming. I love to swim.

I hate being late. I hate to be late.

In most situations there's no difference between the two forms and the *to* infinitive is becoming common in spoken English.

We don't use the *to* infinitive after *enjoy* and *not mind*.

PRACTICE

1 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form of the verb in brackets.

When I was young:

- I liked _____ to my friends on social media. (chat)
- I didn't like _____ to bed early. (go)
- I enjoyed _____ races at school. (win)
- I loved _____ a new exercise book. (open)
- I loved _____ a party on my birthday. (have)
- I hated _____ clothes. (choose)
- I didn't mind _____ the piano. (practise)
- I disliked _____ new people. (meet)
- I hated _____ the washing up. (do)
- I didn't mind _____ my school uniform. (wear)

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- Sam doesn't mind **working** / **to work** late.
- Janine would love **developing** / **to develop** her own business.
- I enjoy **relaxing** / **to relax** in the sun.
- Would you like **having** / **to have** a rest?
- Hurry up! I'd hate **missing** / **to miss** the train.
- I hate **living not** / **not living** near the sea.
- They don't like working, but they love **spend** / **to spend** money.
- She enjoys **swimming** / **swiming** in the sea, but not in a pool.

3 Complete the text with the *-ing* form of the verbs in the box.

answer arrive cut drive get
listen repeat sit stand visit

What do you like most about your job?

Casey I'm a lorry driver. In my job, every day is different. I enjoy ¹ _____ different places and I love ² _____ in a new city. I don't mind being alone. I never get lonely because I usually listen to the radio or my music. Of course, I enjoy ³ _____ and nowadays it's easier for me to drive a lorry than a car. What don't I like? Well, I hate ⁴ _____ up early and I don't like ⁵ _____ in the lorry all day. I often stop and go for a short walk.

Rowan I'm a hairdresser. I really enjoy ⁶ _____ people's hair and I love ⁷ _____ to their news. They tell me all about their lives. They often ask me about my holiday plans, but I don't mind ⁸ _____ the same questions and ⁹ _____ the same information nine or ten times a day. What don't I like? Well, I don't enjoy ¹⁰ _____ all day, but I can't sit down and do my job.