GRAMMAR Verb patterns

- We use ***to* + the infinitive** after these verbs:
  agree, decide, forget, learn, need, remember, try, want, would/'d like.
  I try to switch it off sometimes.
- We use **verb + *-ing*** after these verbs:
  can't stand, don't mind, enjoy, finish, hate, keep, like, love, prefer, stop.
  I prefer texting friends.

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 [b] My friend agreed
2 [ ] I enjoy
3 [ ] Carla doesn't mind phoning people, but she prefers
4 [ ] Oh no! I forgot
5 [ ] I'd like

a texting her friends.
b ~~to help me with my homework.~~
c to download this app, but it's too expensive.
d to bring my phone charger!
e talking to them in person.

2 ● Choose the correct option.

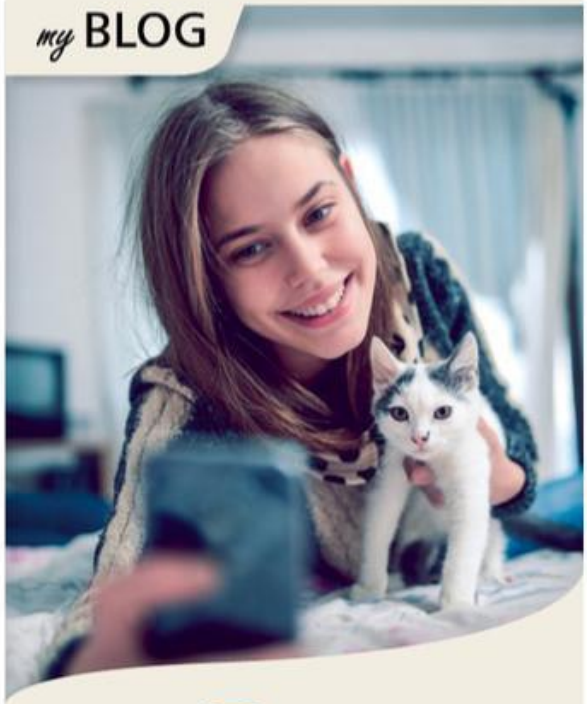
1 Please stop *to make* / *making* that noise. It's terrible!
2 Did you remember *to charge* / *charging* your tablet?
3 You need *to switch* / *switching* it off and on again.
4 I can't stand *to text* / *texting* people. Talking is much better.
5 Do you want *to see* / *seeing* my new app?
6 Let me just finish *to write* / *writing* this email then I'll help you.

3 ●● Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 My mum enjoys *watching* (watch) films online.
2 I prefer _____ (read) adventure books to _____ (go) to concerts.
3 I sometimes forget _____ (charge) my phone overnight.
4 Jake decided _____ (leave) his phone at home for the day! He went crazy!
5 My gran is learning _____ (use) social media – she's doing well.
6 I can't stand _____ (get) texts on my phone from advertisers.

4 ●●● Choose the correct option.

my BLOG



I love [1] *to go* / *going* on social media! Every morning I enjoy [2] *to read* / *reading* posts from my friends and [3] *to look* / *looking* at the photographs they upload. It's also great for keeping in touch with old friends. If I forget [4] *to reply* / *replying* to posts or comments, social media reminds me! I also like [5] *to watch* / *watching* video clips, especially funny ones with animals. Last week I decided [6] *to make* / *making* a video of my cat. I tried [7] *to film* / *filming* her in my bedroom, but she kept [8] *to run* / *running* out of the room! Then the camera stopped [9] *to work* / *working*. So, I waited until the next day and my brother helped me [10] *to fix* / *fixing* it. It was perfect and I made a video of my cat! I wanted [11] *to study* / *studying* film and photography at college, but after yesterday – maybe not! I'd also like a job in programming. I learned [12] *to design* / *designing* websites last year. That was fun! I also made some websites for my friends.

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