

Verb patterns II

We can use the **-ing** form with **like** but we always use the **to infinitive** with **would like**:

like + -ing

I like living in Paris.

would like + to + infinitive

I would like to live in Paris.

We usually use the short form of **would like**:
I'd like to live in Paris.

Julie and Ruth are having a picnic together. Complete their conversation using positive or negative forms of *like* or *would like* and the correct verbs in the box. Use short forms if possible.

earn spend give up sit be come happen talk work have go

JULIE I like sitting here⁰, it's very pleasant.

RUTH Me too. And I have¹ time with good friends. I go² on picnics more often but it isn't always possible. I talk³ to places like this and I sit⁴ to friends like you when we're able to do it.

JULIE I agree. I would like⁵ less. What would you like⁶ to you in the future?

RUTH Me? I would like⁷ a lot of money and I would like⁸ work completely! I would like⁹ under pressure and I'm under pressure at work a lot.

JULIE I know what you mean. I would like¹⁰ more free time.

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verbs + to ... (I want to do)

want	plan	decide	try
hope	expect	offer	forget
need	promise	refuse	learn

+ to ... (to do / to work / to be etc.)

verbs + -ing (I enjoy doing)

enjoy stop
mind finish suggest

+ -ing (doing / working / being etc.)

Put the verb in the right form, **to ...** or **-ing**.

- 1 I enjoy dancing (dance).
- 2 What do you want to do (do) tonight?
- 3 Goodbye! I hope (see) you again soon.
- 4 I learnt (swim) when I was five years old.
- 5 Have you finished (clean) the kitchen?
- 6 I'm tired. I want (go) to bed.
- 7 Do you enjoy (visit) other countries?
- 8 The weather was nice, so I suggested (go) for a walk by the river.
- 9 Where's Bill? He promised (be) here on time.
- 10 I'm not in a hurry. I don't mind (wait).
- 11 What have you decided (do)?
- 12 George was very angry and refused (speak) to me.
- 13 Where's Ann? I need (ask) her something.
- 14 I was very upset and started (cry).
- 15 I'm trying (work). Please stop (talk).

Complete the sentences using **to ...** or **-ing**. Use one of these verbs:

go help live lose rain read see send take wait walk watch

- 1 I like London but I wouldn't like to live there.
- 2 I like taking (OR to take) photographs when I'm on holiday.
- 3 Linda has a lot of books. She enjoys
- 4 I'm surprised that you're here. I didn't expect you.
- 5 Don't forget us a postcard when you're on holiday.
- 6 'Shall we get a taxi to the cinema?' 'If you like, but it isn't far. I don't mind
- 7 This ring is very beautiful. I'd hate it.
- 8 Julia had a lot to do, so I offered her.
- 9 What shall we do this afternoon? Would you like to the beach?
- 10 When I'm tired in the evenings, I like television.
- 11 'Shall we go now?' 'No, I'd prefer a few minutes.'
- 12 I'm not going out until it stops

Complete these sentences. Write about yourself. Use **to ...** or **-ing**.

- 1 I enjoy
- 2 I don't like
- 3 If it's a nice day tomorrow, I'd like
- 4 When I'm on holiday, I like
- 5 I don't mind but
- 6 I wouldn't like