

Expressing Opinions with Verb Patterns

Name: _____

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When we express what we like, dislike, or think about something, the verb that follows our opinion verb changes its form.

Verbs followed by Gerund (Verb-ing):

- *Like, love, enjoy, dislike, hate, don't mind, prefer.*

Example: "I **enjoy watching** documentaries."

Verbs followed by Infinitive (To + Verb):

- *Choose, decide, hope, agree, refuse, manage.*

Example: "I **agree to share** my opinion with the team."

Verbs followed by both (No change in meaning):

- *Start, begin, continue.*

Example: "She **started learning / to learn** Italian."

1. I absolutely love ___ fast food, but I know it's unhealthy.
A. eating
B. to eat
2. Many people refuse ___ products that are not eco-friendly.
A. buying
B. to buy
3. We decided ___ the debate until next week.
A. to postpone
B. postponing
4. She dislikes ___ to loud music while studying
A. listening
B. to listen

5. Do you prefer _____ physical books or e-books?
- A. reading
B. to read
6. Personally, I prefer _____ (read) physical books rather than digital ones
7. When discussing cinema, critics tend _____ (prefer) independent films over Hollywood blockbusters.

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| 1. Avoid | _____ | A. <i>gerund (-ing)</i> |
| 2. Tend | _____ | B. <i>to + infinitive</i> |
| 3. Can't stand | _____ | C. <i>+ gerund</i> |
| 4. Imagine | _____ | D. <i>gerund (-ing)</i> |
| 5. Choose | _____ | E. <i>to + infinitive</i> |