

to ... (I want to do) and -ing (I enjoy doing)

A 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.)

- What do you **want to do** this evening?
- It's not very late. We **don't need to go** home yet.
- Tina has **decided to sell** her car.
- You **forgot to switch** off the light when you went out.
- My brother is **learning to drive**.
- I **tried to read** my book but I was too tired.

B verbs + -ing (I enjoy doing)

enjoy	stop	suggest
mind	finish	

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

- I **enjoy dancing**. (not 'enjoy to dance')
- I don't **mind getting** up early.
- Has it **stopped raining**?
- Sonia **suggested going** to the cinema.



C verbs + -ing or to...

like	love	start	continue
prefer	hate	begin	

+ -ing (doing etc.) or to ... (to do etc.)

- Do you **like getting** up early? or Do you **like to get** up early?
- I **prefer travelling** by car. or I **prefer to travel** by car.
- Ann **loves dancing**. or Ann **loves to dance**.
- I **hate being** late. or I **hate to be** late.
- It **started raining**. or It **started to rain**.

D would like to ... (etc.)

would like	would love
would prefer	would hate

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

- Julia **would like to meet** you. (not 'would like meeting')
- I'd **love to go** to Australia. (I'd = I would)
- 'Would you **like to sit** down?' 'No, I'd **prefer to stand**, thank you.'
- I **wouldn't like to be** a teacher.

would like ⇒ UNIT 35 I want you to ... ⇒ UNIT 52 go + -ing ⇒ UNIT 54
preposition + -ing ⇒ UNIT 105

EXERCISES

51.1 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).

51.2 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

51.3 Complete the answers to the questions.



- 1 Do you usually get up early?
- 2 Do you ever go to museums?
- 3 Do you often write letters?
- 4 Have you ever been to New York?
- 5 Do you often travel by train?
- 6 Shall we eat at home or go to a restaurant?



Yes, I like getting (OR to get) up early ..
Yes, I love
No, I don't like
No, but I'd love one day.
Yes, I enjoy
I don't mind a restaurant
but I'd prefer home.

51.4 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