

Verb + -ing or To-infinitive – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Write the verb in brackets in the correct form: -ing or to-infinitive.

Example: I enjoy ____ (dance). → dancing

1. We enjoy _____ (walk) in the park.
2. I want _____ (learn) Spanish.
3. Did you finish _____ (read) the book?
4. Lucy decided _____ (not / go) to the gym today.
5. Would you like _____ (have) some tea?
6. My dad doesn't mind _____ (wash) the dishes.
7. They hope _____ (visit) Canada next year.
8. Do you need _____ (call) your mum?

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. There are two extra words you do not need.

Example: I can't stand ____ in the rain. → walking

WORD BOX

reading to pass cleaning to stay to buy watching to swim to call dancing to send

9. I really enjoy _____ books before bed.
10. Kenji hopes _____ his driving test next week.
11. Do you mind _____ the kitchen today?
12. We decided _____ at home last night.
13. Maria wants _____ a new bike.
14. Have you finished _____ the film?
15. Please remember _____ me when you arrive.
16. Leo is learning _____ in the sea.

Exercise 3: Find the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: He wants buying a car. → He wants to buy a car.

17. I enjoy to play football.

18. She wants going to the beach.

19. We finished to clean the house at six.

20. They decided not going to the party.

21. Would you like coming with us?

22. He doesn't mind to wait.

23. I hope seeing you soon.

24. Do you plan visiting Rome?

Exercise 4: Negatives and questions

Rewrite each sentence as shown in brackets. Keep the -ing form or to-infinitive.

Example: You enjoy swimming. (question) → Do you enjoy swimming?

25. I want to watch TV. (negative)

26. She enjoys cooking. (question)

27. We decided to take a taxi. (negative: put not before to)

28. They finished painting the room. (question)

29. He would like to order pizza. (question)

30. Tom minds working late. (negative)

31. Ana needs to buy milk. (negative)

32. You plan to travel this summer. (question)

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

Example: likes / Ben / cooking / → Ben likes cooking.

33. you / to / do / want / dance / ?

34. enjoys / my / sister / photos / taking

35. decided / to / we / not / the car / buy

36. finished / your homework / have / doing / you / ?

37. mind / doesn't / early / she / getting up

38. learning / Paolo / is / to / drive

39. would / like / I / a coffee / to / have

Answer key – Verb + -ing or To-infinitive – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. **walking**
Enjoy is followed by the -ing form.
2. **to learn**
Want is followed by the to-infinitive.
3. **reading**
Finish is followed by the -ing form.
4. **not to go**
For the negative, put not before to: decide not to do.
5. **to have**
Would like is followed by the to-infinitive.
6. **washing**
Mind is followed by the -ing form.
7. **to visit**
Hope is followed by the to-infinitive.
8. **to call**
Need is followed by the to-infinitive.

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

9. **reading**
Enjoy + -ing: enjoy reading.
10. **to pass**
Hope + to-infinitive: hope to pass.
11. **cleaning**
Mind + -ing: mind cleaning.
12. **to stay**
Decide + to-infinitive: decided to stay.
13. **to buy**
Want + to-infinitive: wants to buy.
14. **watching**
Finish + -ing: finished watching.
15. **to call**
Remember + to-infinitive is for something you must not forget to do.
16. **to swim**
Learn + to-infinitive: learning to swim.

Exercise 3: Find the mistake

17. **I enjoy playing football.**
Enjoy is followed by the -ing form, not the to-infinitive.
18. **She wants to go to the beach.**
Want is followed by the to-infinitive.
19. **We finished cleaning the house at six.**
Finish is followed by the -ing form.
20. **They decided not to go to the party.**
Decide is followed by the to-infinitive, and not goes before to.
21. **Would you like to come with us?**
Would like is followed by the to-infinitive.
22. **He doesn't mind waiting.**
Mind is followed by the -ing form.
23. **I hope to see you soon.**
Hope is followed by the to-infinitive.
24. **Do you plan to visit Rome?**
Plan is followed by the to-infinitive.

Exercise 4: Negatives and questions

25. **I don't want to watch TV.**
Make the main verb negative with don't: don't want to watch.
26. **Does she enjoy cooking?**
Use does + she + enjoy; the -ing form stays the same.
27. **We decided not to take a taxi.**
The negative infinitive is not to + verb.
28. **Did they finish painting the room?**
Past simple questions use did + base form: did they finish.
29. **Would he like to order pizza?**
Put would before the subject to make a question.
30. **Tom doesn't mind working late.**
Use doesn't + mind; working stays the same.
31. **Ana doesn't need to buy milk.**
Use doesn't + need; to buy stays the same.
32. **Do you plan to travel this summer?**
Use do + you + plan; the to-infinitive stays the same.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

33. Do you want to dance?

Question: Do + subject + want + to-infinitive.

34. My sister enjoys taking photos.

Enjoy + -ing: enjoys taking.

35. We decided not to buy the car.

Not comes before to: decided not to buy.

36. Have you finished doing your homework?

Present perfect question: Have + you + finished + -ing.

37. She doesn't mind getting up early.

Mind + -ing: doesn't mind getting up.

38. Paolo is learning to drive.

Learn + to-infinitive: learning to drive.

39. I would like to have a coffee.

Would like + to-infinitive: would like to have.

Notes for teachers: Start by sorting common verbs into two columns on the board: -ing verbs (enjoy, finish, mind) and to-infinitive verbs (want, need, decide, hope, plan, learn, would like). A typical mistake is 'I enjoy to play' or 'I want going'. Another is 'decided to not go' instead of 'decided not to go'. As a follow-up, pairs ask each other 'What do you enjoy doing?' and 'What do you want to do next year?' and report back.