

Verb patterns

(-ing forms, infinitives with 'to', infinitives without 'to')

Task 1: Match the two columns to create pairs of responses.

A	B
1. What are you afraid of?	a. Really? I thought about winning the lottery.
2. What is your sister interested in?	b. No, thank you. I'd rather stay in.
3. Will you agree to help me?	c. Flying by plane.
4. Do you ever go running?	d. Of course. What shall I do?
5. What is your favourite activity?	e. In fact, I was thinking about eating out tonight.
6. I dream about travelling.	f. I find it really important. They help me relax.
7. Do you mind turning off the TV?	g. Actually, I do. I'm watching a serial.
8. Do you want to go out tonight?	h. No, running is tiring for me.
9. I suggest ordering a pizza for supper.	i. Watching series on TV.
10. How important is it to spend regular time with your friends?	j. Reading books is something I like.

Task 2: Complete the sentences with -ing form, infinitive with 'to' or without.

1. I find it easy _____ (do) puzzles.
2. We didn't have enough time _____ (finish) the task.
3. Many people find it difficult _____ (learn) foreign languages.
4. Did you manage _____ (find) the book you had lost?
5. You look pale. You should _____ (stay) in bed tonight.
6. Mary wants _____ (spend) more time with her family.
7. Imagine _____ (go) to Australia on holiday!
8. _____ (check) my mails is something I do every day.
9. I dream of _____ (be) a famous scientist.
10. My parents encouraged me _____ (study) abroad.
11. It's important for me _____ (have) a big circle of friends.
12. She came to me _____ (talk) to me.
13. Many people are afraid of _____ (fly).
14. Learning by _____ (work) in a group is something I like.

15. Peter is saving money _____ (buy) his first car.
16. I hate _____ (iron).
17. If we have a choice we would prefer _____ (meet) in the evening.
18. Jim prefers _____ (meet) friends in his house.
19. They are open _____ (have) another member of the group.
20. Will you _____ (make) a speech tomorrow at the conference?
21. After _____ (sleep) for 10 hours Jack felt relaxed.
22. What do you suggest _____ (do) now?
23. Tina managed _____ (stop) _____ (smoke).
24. I will never agree _____ (go) on a date with you.
25. Did you really promise _____ (help) her?
26. I'm thinking about _____ (change) my job.
27. Don't take the pill, it will only make you _____ (feel) worse.
28. My sister enjoys _____ (ride) a bike.
29. It makes me _____ (feel) sad.
30. _____ (go) _____ (fish) with my parents is my favourite memory.
31. The boss disagreed _____ (employ) a new person.
32. Would you mind _____ (leave) the room now?
33. We finally decided _____ (sell) our house.
34. I opened the window _____ (air) the room.
35. Young people make many things _____ (show off).
36. Did you refuse _____ (close) your business?
37. He offered _____ (give) me a lift.
38. Ann was interested in _____ (cook) when she was younger.
39. Would you like _____ (share) your idea with us?
40. Buy this anti-virus programme _____ (protect) your computer.

Task 3: Complete the sentences. In each sentence use a verb in the correct form.

1. I often avoid _____
2. I believe in _____
3. A lot of people dislike _____
4. _____ is boring for me and my friends.
5. I want _____
6. I don't mind _____
7. The most important thing is _____

8. I feel like _____
9. Next holiday I'm planning _____
10. My best friend hates _____
11. _____ is something which gives me a lot of pleasure.
12. In the past I went _____ regularly.
13. I would like _____
14. I will never agree _____
15. My parents are not interested in _____
16. Somebody offered _____
17. I can _____
18. I can't imagine _____
19. I'm thinking about _____
20. My parents dream of _____
21. _____ is interesting for me.
22. Children do many things _____
23. My friend refused _____ some time ago.
24. I find it easy _____
25. I should _____

ANSWER KEY

Task 1: 1. C 2. I 3. D 4. H 5. J 6. A 7. G 8. B 9. E 10. F

Task 2: 1. to do 2. to finish 3. to learn 4. to find 5. stay 6. to stay 7. going 8. checking
9. being 10. to study 11. to have 12. to talk 13. flying 14. working 15. to buy
16. ironing 17. to meet 18. meeting 19. to have 20. make 21. sleeping 22. doing
23. to stop, smoking 24. to go 25. to help 26. changing 27. feel 28. riding 29. feel
30. going, fishing 31. to employ 32. leaving 33. to sell 34. to air 35. to show off
36. to close 37. to give 38. cooking 39. to share 40. to protect

Task 3: (example answers) 1. doing homework 2. helping people 3. doing housework 4. Watching TV
5. to be a famous person 6. sleeping on the floor 7. to spend time with my family 8. going out tonight
9. to visit my friends in the mountains 10. learning by heart 11. Volunteering 12. jogging twice a week
13. to be a happy person 14. to do something wrong 15. listening to pop music 16. to give me a lift
17. paint beautiful pictures 18. living in a different country 19. taking up a new sport
20. having some more time 21. Travelling 22. to help their parents 23. to help me
24. to learn new things 25. sleep more