

# Verb patterns

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

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

A
1. What are you afraid of?
2. What is your sister interested in?
3. Will you agree to help me?
4. Do you ever go running?
5. What is your favourite activity?
6. I dream about travelling.
7. Do you mind turning off the TV?
8. Do you want to go out tonight?
9. I suggest ordering a pizza for supper.
10. How important is it to spend regular time with your friends?

B
a. Really? I thought about winning the lottery.
b. No, thank you. I'd rather stay in.
c. Flying by plane.
d. Of course. What shall I do?
e. In fact, I was thinking about eating out tonight.
f. I find it really important. They help me relax.
g. Actually, I do. I'm watching a serial.
h. No, running is tiring for me.
i. Watching series on TV.
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