

Verbs of Preference



What do you
like about
English?

What's the use of Gerund and Infinitive?



We use VERB+ING after verbs that express general preference, such as: love, like, don't mind, dislike, don't like, hate, enjoy and prefer.

We also use -ING after certain verbs: consider, avoid, deny, look forward to, confess to, fancy, involve, mention, risk, spend, mind, regret, admit, suggest, imagine, etc.



There's no simple way of knowing if a verb takes an infinitive or gerund. Sometimes verbs with similar meanings take different forms:

I like to swim, but he hates to swim. OR
I like swimming, but he hates swimming.

Like and **hate** take either form.

I enjoy swimming, but he dislikes swimming.

Enjoy and **dislike** take gerunds only. Although they are similar to *like* and *hate*, they cannot take infinitives.

Adding -ING to a verb

We generally add ING to a verb to form the present participle.

Example: I like **doing** exercise

If the verb ends in **consonant + e**, we drop the **e** and add **ING**. Have**e** = Having

Example: I'm **having** a good time



Adding -ING to a verb



If the verb ends in **consonant + vowel + consonant**, we double the final consonant.

Example: I'm begin**ning** to understand this.

In **one syllable** verbs ending in **vowel + consonant**, we double the consonant.

Example: I hate stop**ping** at the traffic lights.

Adding -ING to a verb

Verb + ING	Verb + TO + Infinitive	Verb + Infinitive	Not + Verb + ING
Adore Dislike Love Like Enjoy Prefer Detest Hate	Would like	Would rather	Don't mind Can't stand

Adding -ING to typical verbs

jump	• jumping
cry	• crying
enjoy	• enjoying
look	• looking
read	• reading
say	• saying
talk	• talking
walk	• walking
work	• working
sleep	• sleeping

Adding -ING to typical verbs

hope	• hoping
write	• writing
dance	• dancing
make	• making
like	• liking
smile	• smiling
come	• coming
ride	• riding
love	• loving
waste	• wasting

Adding -ING to typical verbs

hop
run
chat
sit
shop
drop
rob
drag
slip
grin

- hopping
- running
- chatting
- sitting
- shopping
- dropping
- robbing
- dragging
- slipping
- grinning

Adding -ING to typical verbs

teach	• teaching
turn	• turning
share	• sharing
snap	• snapping
amaze	• amazing
snore	• snoring
bet	• betting
spend	• spending
raise	• raising
clap	• clapping

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