Gerunds & Infinitives

-ing or to + verb · B1 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

Verb + -ing (gerund): enjoy · finish · mind · avoid · suggest · practise · keep · can't stand.
I enjoy reading.

Verb + to + infinitive: want · need · decide · hope · plan · promise · offer · agree · learn · would like.
I want to go out.

After a preposition → -ing: good at drawing · interested in learning · before leaving.
-ing as subject: Swimming is fun. **to + infinitive for purpose:** I called to ask a question.

1 Gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to + verb)? Complete.

1 I enjoy _____ (read) before bed.

2 She wants _____ (go) to university.

3 They decided _____ (stay) at home.

4 Do you mind _____ (open) the window?

5 We hope _____ (see) you soon.

6 He avoided _____ (talk) about it.

2 Complete with the -ing form or to + infinitive.

1 She's really good at _____ (paint).

2 I'd like _____ (learn) Japanese.

3 We went to the shop _____ (buy) some bread.

4 _____ (smoke) is bad for your health.

5 He promised _____ (help) me.

6 I can't stand _____ (wait) in queues.

3 Choose the correct option.

1 I want (going / to go) home now.

2 She enjoys (to dance / dancing).

3 They're interested in (learn / learning) English.

4 We need (to leave / leaving) now.

5 He suggested (to meet / meeting) at six.

6 I'm learning (to drive / driving).

4 Complete with a verb from the box (in the correct form).

VERBS

to travel · cooking · to pass · playing · to call · swimming

1 My dad loves _____ dinner at the weekend.

2 I'm planning _____ around Asia next year.

3 She studies hard _____ her exams.

4 We spent the afternoon _____ cards.

5 Don't forget _____ me tonight.

6 _____ is my favourite sport.

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *I enjoy to read.*

2 *She wants going home.*

3 *He's good at to cook.*

4 *We decided staying in.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · Gerund or infinitive

1 reading 2 to go 3 to stay 4 opening 5 to see 6 talking

2 · -ing or to + infinitive

1 painting 2 to learn 3 to buy 4 Smoking 5 to help 6 waiting

3 · Choose

1 to go 2 dancing 3 learning 4 to leave 5 meeting 6 to drive

4 · Complete from the box

1 cooking 2 to travel 3 to pass 4 playing 5 to call 6 Swimming

5 · Error correction

1 I enjoy reading. 2 She wants to go home. 3 He's good at cooking. 4 We decided to stay in.