

Verb + **-ing** (enjoy doing / stop doing etc.)

A

We say:

- ☐ I **enjoy reading**. (*not* I enjoy to read)
- ☐ Would you **mind closing** the door? (*not* mind to close)
- ☐ Chris **suggested going** to the cinema. (*not* suggested to go)

After **enjoy**, **mind** and **suggest**, we use **-ing** (*not to* ...).

Some more verbs that are followed by **-ing**:

stop	recommend	admit	avoid	imagine
finish	consider	deny	risk	fancy

- ☐ Suddenly everybody **stopped talking**. There was silence.
- ☐ I'll do the shopping when I've **finished cleaning** the flat.
- ☐ He tried to **avoid answering** my question.
- ☐ I don't **fancy going** out this evening. (= I'm not enthusiastic about it)
- ☐ Have you ever **considered going** to live in another country?
- ☐ They said they were innocent. They **denied doing** anything wrong.

The negative form is **not -ing**:

- ☐ When I'm on holiday, I enjoy **not having** to get up early.



B

We also use **-ing** after:

give up (= stop)
put off (= delay until later)
go on or **carry on** (= continue)
keep or **keep on** (= do something continuously or repeatedly)

- ☐ I've **given up buying** newspapers. I don't read them any more.
- ☐ You shouldn't **put off telling** him what happened. You need to tell him now.
- ☐ Katherine doesn't want to retire. She wants to **go on working**. or ... to **carry on working**.
- ☐ You **keep interrupting** when I'm talking. or You **keep on interrupting** ...

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With some verbs you can use the structure *verb* + somebody + **-ing**:

- ☐ You can't **stop people doing** what they want.
- ☐ I can't **imagine George riding** a motorbike.
- ☐ Did she really say that? I don't **remember her saying** that.
- ☐ Sorry to **keep you waiting** so long.

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When you talk about finished actions, you can say **having done/stolen/said** etc.:

- ☐ They admitted **having stolen** the money.

But it is not necessary to use **having** (done). You can say:

- ☐ They admitted **stealing** the money.
- ☐ I now regret **saying** that. or I now regret **having said** that.





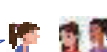

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Other structures are possible with **admit**, **deny**, **suggest** and **recommend**. For example, you can say:

- ☐ They **denied** (that) **they had done** anything wrong. (= They **denied doing** ...)
- ☐ Chris **suggested** (that) **we go** to the cinema. (= Chris **suggested going** ...)
- ☐ I **recommend** (that) **you travel** by train. (= I **recommend travelling** ...)

Exercises

53.1 Complete the sentences for each situation. Use **-ing**.

- 1 What shall we do?  We could go to the zoo.
- 2 Do you want to play tennis?  No, not really.
- 3 Let's go for a walk.  Good idea!
- 4 You caused the accident.  No, I didn't.
- 5 Can you wait a few minutes?  Sure, no problem.
- 6 You didn't tell the truth.  That's right. I didn't.

She suggested going to the zoo

He didn't fancy

She suggested

He denied

They didn't mind

She admitted

53.2 Complete the sentences. Choose from these verbs (in the correct form):

~~answer~~ apply forget interrupt listen live
lose make pay read travel try

- 1 He tried to avoid answering my question.
- 2 I'm trying to concentrate. Please stop so much noise!
- 3 I enjoy to music.
- 4 I considered for the job, but in the end I decided against it.
- 5 Have you finished the newspaper yet?
- 6 We need to change our routine. We can't go on like this.
- 7 It's better to avoid during the rush hour.
- 8 My memory is getting worse. I keep things.
- 9 I've put off this bill so many times. I really must do it today.
- 10 I've given up to learn Japanese. I was making no progress.
- 11 If you gamble, you risk your money.
- 12 Would you mind not me all the time? Let me speak!

53.3 Put the words in the right order.

- 1 Did she really say that? I (that / remember / her / saying / don't).
I don't remember her saying that.
- 2 It's OK if you want to drive my car. I (driving / don't / it / you / mind).
I
- 3 What a stupid thing to do! Can (imagine / so stupid / being / you / anybody)?
Can
- 4 We can't control the weather. We (raining / stop / it / can't).
We
- 5 I'll be as quick as I can. I (waiting / want / keep / you / don't / to).
I

53.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. Use **-ing**.

- 1 She's a very interesting person. I always enjoy talking to her.
- 2 I'm not feeling very well. I don't fancy
- 3 I'm afraid there aren't any chairs. I hope you don't mind
- 4 It was a beautiful day, so I suggested
- 5 The movie was very funny. I couldn't stop
- 6 My car is unreliable. It keeps