

Verbs + -ing	
like love adore enjoy prefer hate can't stand don't mind finish look forward to	doing cooking sightseeing

Note

Like, love, adore, prefer, hate are sometimes used with *to* but *-ing* is more usual and more general in meaning.

I like cooking.

I like to cook beef on Sundays.

Verbs + to + infinitive	
agree choose dare decide expect forget help hope learn manage need offer promise refuse seem want would like would love would prefer would hate	to do to come to cook

Notes

1 **Help** and **dare** can be used without *to*.

We helped tidy the kitchen.

They didn't dare disagree with him.

2 **Have to** for obligation

I have to wear a uniform.

3 **Used to** for past habits.

I used to smoke but I gave up last year.

Verbs + somebody + to + infinitive		
advise allow ask beg encourage expect help need invite order remind tell want warn (+ not) would like would love would prefer would hate	me someone	to do to go to come

Verbs + somebody + infinitive (no to)		
let make help	her us	do

Notes

1 *To* is used with **make** in the passive.

We were made to work hard.

2 **Let** cannot be used in the passive.

Allowed to is used instead.

She was allowed to leave.

Verbs + -ing or to + infinitive (with no change in meaning)	
begin start continue	raining to rain

Verbs + -ing or to + infinitive (with a change in meaning)	
remember stop try	doing to do

Notes

1 *I remember posting the letter.*

= I have a memory now of a past action: *posting the letter.*

I remembered to post the letter.

= I reminded myself to post the letter.

2 *I stopped smoking.*

= I gave up the habit.

I stopped to smoke.

= I stopped doing something else in order to have a cigarette.

3 *I tried to sleep.*

= I wanted to sleep but it was difficult.

I tried counting sheep and taking sleeping pills.

= these were possible ways of getting to sleep.