

PRESENTATION (2)

Verb + -ing or infinitive?

1 Read the letter and underline the correct verb form.

Example

We've decided going/to go/go to Kenya for a holiday.

Dear Dennis

We just wanted (a) say/to say/saying thank you for putting us up before we caught the plane last week. It was a lovely evening, and we enjoyed (b) meeting/to meet/meet your friends, Pete and Sarah. We managed (c) get/getting/to get to the airport with plenty of time to spare. We even tried (d) getting/to get/get an earlier flight, but it wasn't possible.

We had a wonderful holiday in Spain. We just loved (e) driving/to drive/drive through the countryside, and we often stopped (f) walk/walking/to walk round a mountain village. We met our friends, Bill and Sue, and they invited us (g) having/to have/have a meal with them. They wanted (h) that we stay/us to stay/we to stay with them, but we couldn't, as we had already booked a hotel.

The weather was fantastic. The sun didn't stop (i) shining/to shine/shine all the time we were there.

Leaving Spain was very sad. It made me (j) want/wanting/to want to cry.

Anyway, we're looking forward to hearing from you, and hope (k) see/to see/seeing you soon. Let us (l) to know/knowing/know if you're ever in the area. You must call in.

Best wishes

Sandra and Jim

2 T.43 Listen and check your answers.

● Grammar question

Read the sentences.

Last night I was watching television when the phone rang. I stopped watching television.
I stopped to answer the phone.

– What is the difference between *stop + -ing* and *stop + the infinitive*?

PRACTICE

1 Grammar and listening

1 When one verb is followed by another, different patterns are possible. Put the verbs from the Presentation text in the correct box.

1	verb + -ing love doing	2	verb + infinitive (with to) want to do
3	verb + person + infinitive with to want someone to do	4	verb + person + infinitive without to make someone do

2 T.44 You will hear sentences with the verbs below. Add them to the correct box in Exercise 1.

Example

The teacher **told me to do** my homework. *Box 3*

I promised to do it carefully. *Box 2*

tell	promise	hate	agree
manage	need	forget	choose
like	refuse	can't stand	finish
ask	continue		

3 Look at the list of verb patterns on page 158 and check your answers.

2 Discussing grammar

Work in pairs and discuss your answers.

1 In the following sentences, two verbs are possible and one is not. Underline the verb that is *not* possible.

- a My father _____ to mend my bike.
1 promised 2 didn't mind 3 tried
- b She _____ her son to turn down his music.
1 asked 2 wanted 3 made
- c I _____ going on long walks.
1 refuse 2 can't stand 3 adore
- d We _____ to go shopping.
1 need 2 'd love 3 enjoy
- e She _____ me do the cooking.
1 wanted 2 made 3 helped
- f I _____ working for the bank twenty years ago.
1 started 2 stopped 3 decided

2 Change the sentences in Exercise 1 using the verbs you underlined.