

After *begin*, *start*, *continue* and *prefer* we can also use *-ing* forms with the same meaning.

When did you *begin* to learn / *begin learning* karate?

I *started to have* / *started having* these headaches about a month ago.

The President *continued to speak* / *continued speaking* for an hour and a half.

I *prefer to live* / *prefer living* in the country – the city is too noisy.

2 Complete the sentences with verbs from the boxes and to.

1–4: agree decide expect ✓ need plan ✓ try

- ▶ ALICE: 'The exam seemed easy. I was surprised when I got a low mark.'
Alice *expected to* pass the exam; she was surprised when she got a low mark.
- ▶ David and Cathy have got plane tickets and hotel reservations for Corsica.
David and Cathy are *planning to* go to Corsica.
- 1 Annie is going to Singapore. A visa is necessary, and she hasn't got one.
Annie get a visa.
- 2 JANE: 'Could you possibly lend me £5?' ANDY: 'Sure.'
Andy has lend £5 to Jane.
- 3 JOE: 'Shall I go to the cinema or stay at home? Cinema, perhaps? No, I'll stay at home.'
Joe has stay at home.
- 4 Lizzie was expecting a call from Sarah. Sarah rang the number, but it was engaged.
Sarah phone Lizzie, but the number was engaged.

5–10: forget learn promise refuse start want

- 5 Oliver lives in the US, but he took all his driving lessons in France.
Oliver drive in France.
- 6 PATRICK: 'I will write to you every day, Barbara.'
Patrick has write to Barbara every day.
- 7 BOB: 'I was going to post a birthday card to my mother, but I didn't remember.'
Bob post his mother's birthday card.
- 8 PHILIP: 'Please, please lend me your car.' AGNES: 'No, no and no.'
Agnes has lend her car to Philip.
- 9 Helen's parents are sending her to England for two weeks. Helen is not happy.
Helen doesn't go to England.
- 10 Susan said her first word when she was seven months old.
Susan talk when she was seven months old.

11–15: begin continue hope prefer seem

- 11 Mark plays the piano and the trumpet. The trumpet is his favourite.
Mark can play the piano, but he play the trumpet.
- 12 Annie usually stops work at 5.00, but yesterday she didn't stop until 7.00.
Annie work until 7.00 yesterday.
- 13 John swims every day; he's going to try for the national team next year.
John be in the national swimming team next year.
- 14 'I'm not sure, but I think Rebecca was worried yesterday evening.'
Rebecca be worried yesterday evening.
- 15 Lee sat down to write a letter to her brother yesterday, but she didn't finish it.
Lee write a letter to her brother yesterday.