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Simple Gerunds and Infinitives

Let's have a look at how gerunds and infinitives are used after some common verbs. Here are two examples:

Like: to show hobbies

I You We They	like	singing.
He She It	likes	to sing.

by: to show methods

I You We They	sing	by	using a microphone.
He She It	sings		

We can use a gerund (v) + ing or a to-infinitive (to +v) after the verb 'like'.

We use a gerund (v) +ing after the preposition 'by'.

A. Fill in the blanks using

like + -- ing

e.g. I like sleeping (sleep).

- I like _____ (sing).
- He likes _____ (listen) to songs.
- She likes _____ (play) on the swing.
- We like _____ (make) models.
- They like _____ (run).
- The children like _____ (skip).



B. Fill in the blanks using the -ing form of the verbs.

wash take stay brush jog

e.g. We can keep our clothes clean by washing them of often.

- I can keep my mouth clean by _____ my teeth.
- They can go to the cinema by _____ the bus.
- He can keep fit by _____ every day.
- We can stay healthy by not _____ up late.



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C. Write the sentences using:

like + -- ing

- play the piano
- read comics
- skate
- collect stamps



e.g. He likes swimming.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

D. What do the children like doing? Write the sentences.



	1. paint	2. dance	3. roller-skate	4. jog	5. play chess
Ada					
Tony					
Eric					

- Ada and _____ like _____
- Ada (like / likes) _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

E. Name the activities below. Use a gerund form.



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F. How can we help to keep our city clean? Write.

recycle plastic bags

use the recycling bins

tidy up the barbecue sites

put rubbish in the rubbish bins

bring our own bags



Keep Our City Clean

1. We can help by recycling plastic bags.

2. _____.

3. _____.

4. _____.

5. _____.

G. How can we help to keep our home clean? Write.

e .g. (clean / table)

We can help by cleaning the tables.

1.(dust / table)

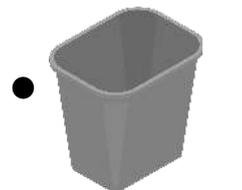
2.(set / table)

3.(make /beds)

4.(empty / bins)

5.(mop / floor)

H. Match each sentence to the picture.



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More examples on infinitives

I You We They	want hope wish	to be a singer.
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He She	wants hopes wishes	to be a singer.
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A. Fill in the blanks using 'to' infinitives.

drink sleep travel go cross

e.g. I want to sleep.

1. I want _____ some water.

2. She hopes _____ to Japan.

3. He wants _____ the road.

4. The children wish _____ to the moon one day.



B. Write the sentences using 'want'.

magician dancer firefighter astronaut football players

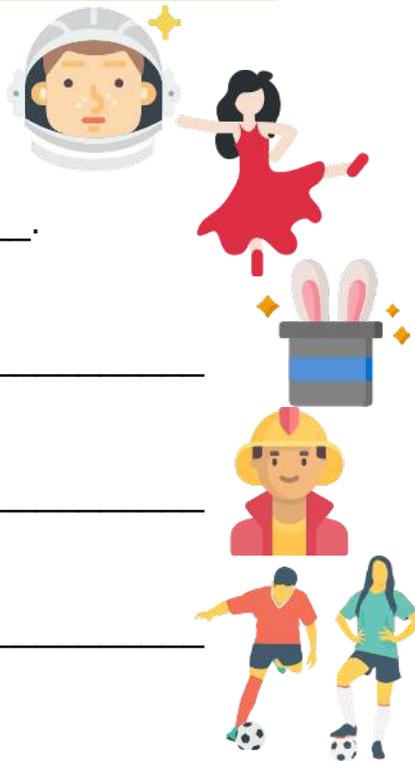
1. He wants to be an _____ when he grows up.

2. She wants to be _____ when _____.

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



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C. Answer the questions.

1. What do you like doing?

2. What does your mother like doing?

3. How can you keep your school clean?

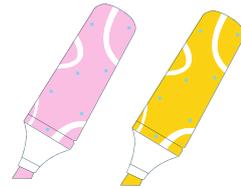
4. What do you want to be when you grow up?

5. What do you want to have for your birthday?

6. Where do you hope to go?



D. High all the gerunds 'pink' and all the to-infinitives 'yellow' in part C.



E. A review. Fill in the blanks with a gerund or a to-infinitive of the given verbs in the brackets.

1. The children like _____ (play) computer games.

2. She likes _____ (cycle).

3. We like _____ (draw).

4. We want _____ (pass) the test.

5. I hope _____ (see) my cousin soon

6. They wish _____ (have) a buffet dinner in Disneyland.

7. We can keep warm by _____ (wear) thick clothes.

8. Do you like _____ (chat) with friends?

9. She does not like _____ (roller-skate).

10. We can stay healthy by _____ (not smoke.)

