

Read the sentences and circle the correct answer.

1. I dislike **watching** / **to watch** football.
2. I don't understand **to jog** / **jogging**. It's such a stupid way to take exercise.
3. I'm going to help John **to fix** / **fixing** his bike.
4. Why did he refuse **to speak** / **speaking** to you?
5. I love to **listen** / **listening** to the sound of the sea.
6. You can't resist **to buy** / **buying** new shoes, can you?
7. Please don't start **to cry** / **crying**!
8. I will no longer continue **to be** / **being** responsible for your expenses.
9. Why doesn't he like **to watch** / **watching** TV?
10. Fortunately, I avoided **to crash** / **crashing** into the car in front.
11. She quite likes teaching but she prefers **to work** / **working** in a bank.
12. My boss promised **to give** / **giving** me a day off next week.
13. Let's begin **to tidy** / **tidying** the house, shall we?
14. I need a new hobby. I think I'll try to **swim** / **swimming**.
15. I worked until after midnight. I drank coffee to try **to keep** / **keeping** awake.

## Gerund and infinitive poem

Some verbs are followed by verbs with *-ing* at the end,  
Don't *avoid, resist* or *dislike* learning these, but *understand*.

You should know that others are followed by a verb with *to*,  
Learn them! I won't *refuse to promise to help* you.

Others have *to* or *-ing* with no change of meanin',  
Including *continue, like, love, prefer, start* and *begin*.

Others take *to* or *-ing*, but the meaning changes,  
You'll *regret not trying to remember* these dangers!

For example, if you try *to lift* it, it means it's difficult,  
But if you try *lifting* it, it's a kind of experiment.



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1. She disliked **to hear / hearing** that dreadful voice
2. He understands **to fly / flying**, his father's a pilot.
3. Can you help me **to carry / carrying** this suitcase?
4. I refuse **to sign / signing** that paper.
5. When I was young I loved **to play / playing** in this wood.
6. Why is it so hard for you to resist **to upset / upsetting** her?
7. He's been happier since he started **to play / playing** the guitar.
8. Please continue **to sing / singing**! It's beautiful!
9. I can't remember if they like **to get up / getting up** early.
10. I must avoid **to make / making** that mistake again
11. We prefer **to pay / paying** more because you get better quality.
12. Do you promise **to behave / behaving** yourself at the party?
13. Suddenly he began **to dance / dancing** like a madman.
14. Why don't you try **to use / using** these tables for your party?
15. It was so heavy! We tried **to carry / carrying** it but it weighed a ton.