

Worksheets

infinitive (to go) or -ing form? ☆☆☆

(☆☆ = Basic ☆☆☆ = Intermediate ☆☆☆☆ = Advanced)

Activity

Put the right form of one of these words in each blank:

go help meet play use

- 1 They arranged _____ at 6 o'clock outside the concert hall.
- 2 I enjoy _____ the piano for an hour or so in the evening.
- 3 I need _____ round to Noel's to pick up my house keys.
- 4 She practises _____ Photoshop regularly, it's so difficult.
- 5 They refused _____ us just when we most needed it.

ask catch clean up go hand in

- 6 She decided _____ and visit her friends in Yorkshire.
- 7 It's already 10 o'clock; I suggest _____ a later train.
- 8 I dislike _____ after them; they make such a mess!
- 9 Robert intends _____ his girl-friend to marry him this year.
- 10 She postponed _____ her notice until she got a new job.

be catch count Hoover swim

- 11 I can't stand _____ the floor, can you?
- 12 He learnt _____ when he was at school.
- 13 I'm hoping _____ the 6.25 train, if we can.
- 14 He pretended _____ ill, but actually he's fine.
- 15 The cashier finished _____ the cash and put it in the safe.

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- 16 Fred forgot _____ his homework to school, and the teacher wasn't pleased.
- 17 I expect _____ a reply to my application any day now.
- 18 She can't afford _____ a new car this year.
- 19 I considered _____ for the job, but decided against it.
- 20 He wants _____ Russian at university.

Notes

To go or going?

Sometimes we use two verbs together. This activity is about the second verb:

She wants **to paint**.
She enjoys **painting**.

After *want*, we use the **to-infinitive**
After *enjoy*, we use the **-ing form**

1 After these verbs we use the to-infinitive:

arrange, can't afford, decide, expect, forget, hope, intend, learn, need, pretend, refuse, want

2 After these verbs we use the -ing form:

can't stand, consider, dislike, enjoy, finish, postpone, practise, suggest

Learn has two past tenses:
learnt and *learned*

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