

Worksheets

infinitive (to go) or -ing form? (or both) ☆☆☆

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

Activity

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

finish make paint post sit

- 1 Peter, please stop _____ that noise!
- 2 Did you remember _____ the letters I gave you?
- 3 That door needs _____ ; I'll do that this afternoon.
- 4 I want to try _____ this work before it gets dark if I can.
- 5 Do you remember _____ on the beach at sunset last year?

do have open study take

- 6 "It's hot in here." "Try _____ the window; see if that helps."
- 7 We stopped _____ a cup of coffee at a small cafe.
- 8 We need _____ another look at this problem.
- 9 I began _____ ballet when I was four years old.
- 10 She dislikes _____ the cooking, but I like it, so I usually do it.

be clean do stand up work

- 11 Jane loves _____ and in public, but I hate it.
- 12 I have agreed _____ the washing-up.
- 13 Fred pretended _____ over 16 years old, but the man in the cinema didn't believe him!
- 14 "I've finished _____ the bathroom; what shall I do now?"
- 15 They continued _____ until late in the evening.

ask cook go speak walk

- 16 "Can you start _____ the rice? It's time for supper."
- 17 To learn a language, practise _____ it every time you can.
- 18 I hate _____ so many questions, but I need to know.
- 19 I enjoy _____ to a good concert.
- 20 I like _____ in the country whenever I get the chance.

Notes

To go or going (or both)?

Using two verbs together.

This activity is about the second verb::

She wants **to paint**.

She enjoys **painting**.

She started **to paint / painting**

1 After these verbs we use the **to-infinitive** (*to paint*):

agree, pretend... to paint

2 After these verbs we use the **-ing form** (*painting*):

dislike, enjoy, finish, practice... painting

3 After these verbs we use **both**, and they mean the same:

begin, continue, hate, like, love, start... to paint / painting

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