



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 58 – Verb + -ing or to ... 3
(like / would like etc.)

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LIKE / LOVE / HATE

A

❖ When you talk about **repeated actions**, you can use **-ing or to ...** after **like, love, hate**. So you can say:

- EX1: Do you **like getting** up early? or Do you **like to get** up early?
- EX2: Stephanie **hates flying**. or Stephanie **hates to fly**.
- EX3: I **love meeting** people. or I **love to meet** people.
- EX4: I **don't like being kept** waiting. or ... **like to be kept** waiting.
- EX5: I **don't like friends calling** me at work. or ... **friends to call** me at work.

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❖ But:

1. We use **-ing** (not to ...) when we talk about **a situation that already exists (or existed)**. For example:
 - EX6: Paul lives in Berlin now. He **likes living** there. (he lives there now and he likes it)
 - EX7: Do you **like being** a student? (you are a student – do you like it?)
 - EX8: The office I worked in was horrible. I **hated working** there. (I worked there and I hated it)
2. There is sometimes a difference between **I like to do** and **I like doing**.
 - **I like doing something = I do it and I enjoy it:**
 - EX9: I **like cleaning** the kitchen. (= I enjoy it.)
 - **I like to do something = I choose to do it (but maybe I don't enjoy it):**
 - EX10: It's not my favorite job, but I like to clean the kitchen as often as possible.

Note that we use -ing (not to ...) with **enjoy and **mind**:**

- EX11: I **enjoy cleaning** the kitchen. (not I enjoy to clean)
- EX12: I don't **mind cleaning** the kitchen. (not I don't mind to clean)

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WOULD LIKE / WOULD LOVE / WOULD HATE / WOULD PREFER

B

Would like / would love etc. are usually followed by to ... :

- EX13: I'd like (= I would like) to go away for a few days.
- EX14: What would you like to do this evening?
- EX15: I wouldn't like to go on holiday alone.
- EX16: I'd love to meet your family.
- EX17: Would you prefer to eat now or later?

Compare **I like** and **I would like (I'd like)**:

- EX18: I like playing tennis. / I like to play tennis. (= I like it in general)
- EX19: I'd like to play tennis today. (= I want to play today)

Would mind is followed by -ing:

- EX20: Would you mind closing the door, please? (not mind to close)

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I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE (DONE SOMETHING)

C

I would like to have done something = I regret now that I didn't or couldn't do it:

- EX21: It's a shame we didn't see Anna. I **would like to have seen** her again.
- EX22: **We'd like to have gone** away, but we were too busy at home.

We use the same structure after would love / would hate / would prefer:

- EX23: Poor David! I **would hate to have been** in his position.
- EX24: I'd **love to have gone** to the party, but it was impossible.

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BÀI TẬP NHANH

Select the best answer.

Jane is a biology teacher. She likes her job

She likes _____ biology.

- A. to teach
- B. teaching**
- C. have taught
- D. teach

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TÓM TẮT

1. Khi nói về các hành động lặp đi lặp lại, chúng ta dùng “**V -ing**” hoặc “**to infinitive**” sau các động từ **like, love, hate** - *Do you **like getting** up early? or Do you **like to get** up early?*
2. Chúng ta dùng “**V -ing**” mà không dùng “**to infinitive**” khi nói về một tình trạng đang hoặc đã tồn tại - *Paul lives in Berlin now. He **likes living** there.*
3. Chúng ta dùng “**like doing something**” để chỉ việc chúng ta thích làm một việc gì đó, còn “**like to do something**” là chọn làm một việc gì đó, nhưng có thể chủ ngữ không thích việc đó - *It's not my favorite job, but I **like to clean** the kitchen as often as possible.*
4. Sau **enjoy** và **mind**, chúng ta luôn dùng “**V -ing**” - *I **enjoy cleaning** the kitchen. (not I enjoy to clean)*
5. Sau **would like, would love, would hate, would prefer**, chúng ta dùng “**to infinitive,**” riêng với **would ... mind** chúng ta dùng “**V -ing**” - *Would you **prefer to eat** now or later?*
6. **Like doing something** để chỉ việc thích làm việc gì đó một cách chung chung, còn **would like to do something** chỉ một tình huống cụ thể - *I'd **like to play tennis** today. (= I want to play today)*
7. Chúng ta dùng **would like, would love, would hate, would prefer + to have + past participle** để chỉ ý hối tiếc vì đã không hoặc không thể làm một việc gì đó - *It's a shame we didn't see Anna. I **would like to have seen** her again.*