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Lesson 02: the use of “ing”, Infinitive or base form after some verbs

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Objective: By the end of this lesson you will know when to use “ing”, infinitive or base form after some verbs.

• Verb +”ing” form

Ex: The researcher **finishes** **experimenting** on white rats.

Ex: at the police station, he **admitted** **stealing** the money but denied taking the computer.

Ex: Paul **gives up** **smoking** willingly.

Ex: I **don't mind** **driving** during rush hour, but I **avoided** **taking** crowded freeways.

The highlighted verbs in the above examples and the following verbs are always followed by “ing” form:

Imagine – stand – feel like .

• Verbs + infinitive form

Some verbs are followed by an infinitive form if the next word is a verb like:

Offer , want , seem , decide ,hope , need , mean , manage , refuse , promise , expect.

Ex : we were very busy we don't **expect** to **receive** guests.

Ex: I asked him to carry the suitcase, but she **refused** to **help**.

• Verb +base form

Two common verbs are followed by an object +base form : **make someone do something** and **let someone do something**

Ex: our teachers always **make** us **do** our homework.

Ex: My parent **let** me **go** out on weekends.

The following verbs can be followed by both (ing form and infinitive)

Hate – love – like – try – prefer.

Ex: I prefer **practicing** sport in the morning.

Ex: I prefer to **practice** sport in the morning.

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Task : Circle the correct answers:

- 1- We decided (**to work /working**) during our vacation.
- 2- She promised (**to help /helping**) us.
- 3- I don't feel like (**to go / going**) for a walk right now.
- 4- We need (**to make /making**) plans for the after the lockdown.
- 5- Don't you hate (**to drive / driving**) when it is wet?
- 6- I can't imagine (**to eat / eating**) eggs everyday of the week.
- 7- Most of the time she prefers (**to work / working**) at home.

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