

The -ing form



They like **skiing**.
Skiing is their favourite sport.

- ◆ The **-ing form** is the verb form with the -ing suffix. e.g. *I like swimming.*

We use the -ing form:

- ◆ as a noun. e.g. *Exercising* is good for your health.
- ◆ after the verbs **like, dislike, love, hate, enjoy, prefer, stop, finish, start, begin**. e.g. *She stopped talking.*
- ◆ after **prepositions**. e.g. *I'm thinking of going to Italy.*
- ◆ after the verb **go** when we talk about activities. e.g. *They went shopping yesterday.*

NOTE: **like/love + -ing form** = I enjoy doing something in general.

e.g. *I love travelling.* (=I enjoy travelling in general.)

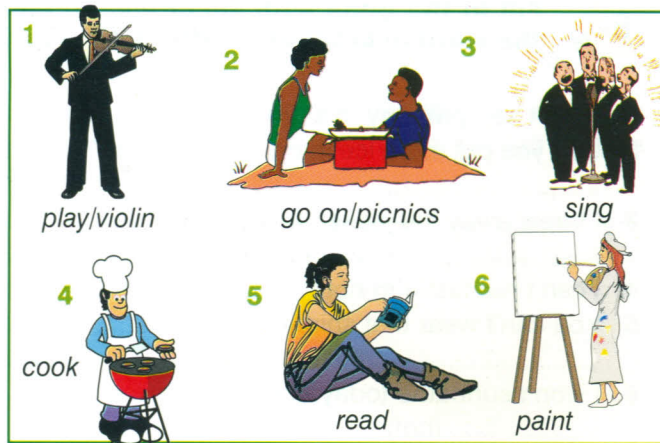
would like/would love + to - infinitive = I want to do something.

e.g. *I would like to travel to China one day.* (=I want to travel to China one day.)

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Look at the pictures and make sentences using the prompts as in the example.

e.g. *He likes playing the violin.*



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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct infinitive form or the -ing form.

- 1 Juliet enjoys ...**playing**... (play) the guitar.
- 2 He started (drive) when he was 17 years old.
- 3 I wanted (take) my dog to the park yesterday.
- 4 I can't (travel) to Australia alone.
- 5 He likes (do) jigsaw puzzles.
- 6 Philip agreed (paint) the garden fence.
- 7 I finished (eat) breakfast an hour ago.
- 8 Fiona hopes (buy) a new car soon.
- 9 Can Sam (do) a jigsaw puzzle?
- 10 I put the shopping away before (cook) dinner.