

35 Opinions and plans

When you give opinions on activities such as sports, you often use verbs with gerunds. When you talk about plans to do an activity, you use verbs with infinitives.

 **New language** Simple verb patterns

 **Aa Vocabulary** Sports and leisure

 **New skill** Talking about opinions and plans

35.1 KEY LANGUAGE VERBS WITH GERUNDS

English uses gerunds after certain verbs that say how a person feels about an activity.

I enjoy **swimming**.

The verb describes feelings about an activity.



The word for the activity is in gerund form.



35.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES VERBS WITH GERUNDS



He doesn't feel like **playing** tennis tonight.



We can't stand **jogging**. We're so unfit!



Do you miss **skiing** now that summer's here?



I'm looking forward to **running** the marathon.



35.3 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN GERUND FORM

I've missed playing  soccer since I broke my leg.

1 I don't feel like run  in the park with you now. I'm too tired.

2 I can't stand work out  in the gym. It's so boring.

3 He likes watch  basketball, and he plays it on weekends, too.

4 She absolutely loves dive  , and she's very good at it.



35.4 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

OLYMPIC FOCUS

Keep on running

Isabella Woods, 21, is a talented marathon runner who hopes to win Olympic gold. Here she tells us about her training and her ambitions.

“I love running marathons. I always look forward to challenging myself so that I run faster each time I train. I never put off training, because it helps me to get ready for competitions. Even when the weather is really bad, I still feel like getting my running shoes on and getting out on the road. I couldn't cope with doing a desk job. It'd be torture! When I'm on vacation, I'm usually miserable because I miss training. I can't stand sitting around doing nothing. For me, it's a waste of time. I've got more important things to do.”



What does Isabella hope to do?

Run a marathon

Win an Olympic gold medal

1 What does Isabella say is a challenge for her?

Going faster every time she runs

Getting ready for competitions

2 How does Isabella get ready for competitions?

She buys new running shoes

She always makes time for training

3 Isabella wants to go running...

only if the weather is good

whatever the weather is like

4 Where would Isabella hate to work?

In an office

Outside

5 Why doesn't Isabella enjoy vacations?

She wants to relax more

She wants to train

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35.5 MATCH THE DEFINITIONS TO THE WORDS

Want to do something

- 1 Successfully manage something
- 2 Do something later than planned
- 3 Be happy that something is going to happen
- 4 Feel sad because something isn't happening
- 5 Strongly dislike or hate

Look forward to

Put off

Feel like

Miss

Can't stand

Cope with



35.6 KEY LANGUAGE VERBS WITH INFINITIVES

English uses the infinitive with "to" after certain verbs that describe someone's plans or wishes to do an activity.



They arranged to play tennis this weekend.

Main verb describes a plan or wish to do an activity.

Infinitive with "to" describes the activity.



35.7 FURTHER EXAMPLES VERBS WITH INFINITIVES

The infinitive doesn't change no matter what tense the main verb is in.

I'm waiting to play badminton, but my friend's running late.



Will you promise to teach me to swim?



We wanted to play baseball yesterday, but it was raining.



35.8 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

I've arranged ~~going~~ / **to go** swimming today.

③ He can't stand ~~watching~~ / **to watch** soccer.

① You enjoy ~~dancing~~ / **to dance**, don't you?

④ You promised ~~playing~~ / **to play** golf with me.

② Do you want ~~seeing~~ / **to see** the match tonight?

⑤ I don't mind ~~training~~ / **to train** with you.



35.9 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 12 CORRECT SENTENCES AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD



I

enjoy
arranged
miss
decided

to play
playing

tennis.
basketball.
squash.





35.10 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Cyclist Kofi Osei talks about last year's Olympics.

Kofi said he would coach the team.

True False

3 Kofi's training wasn't very successful.

True False

1 The directors chose Kofi for the squad.

True False

4 Kofi wants to win the Tour de France next year.

True False

2 Kofi thought he would easily win a medal.

True False

5 Kofi wants a long break from competitions now.

True False

35 ✓ CHECKLIST

Simple verb patterns

Sports and leisure

Talking about opinions and plans

REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 30–35

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
DEFINITE AND ZERO ARTICLES	Sam is always buying clothes . The clothes he bought yesterday are expensive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.1
"HAVE" AND "HAVE GOT"	I have a new phone. I have got a new phone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.5
REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS	He cut himself while chopping vegetables.	<input type="checkbox"/>	32.1
"FOR" WITH A GERUND	I use my blender for making soup.	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.1
INFINITIVES FOR PURPOSE	I use my blender to make soup.	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.1
PHRASAL VERBS FOR USING GADGETS	It's too hot in here. Let's turn the fan on .	<input type="checkbox"/>	33.7
VERBS WITH GERUNDS FOR OPINIONS	I enjoy swimming.	<input type="checkbox"/>	35.1
VERBS WITH INFINITIVES FOR PLANS	They arranged to play tennis this weekend.	<input type="checkbox"/>	35.6