

# 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

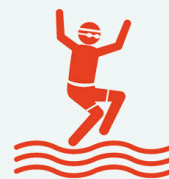
## 35.1 KEY LANGUAGE VERBS WITH GERUNDS

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 (  **play** ) 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

Look forward to

1 Successfully manage something

Put off

2 Do something later than planned

Feel like

3 Be happy that something is going to happen

Miss

4 Feel sad because something isn't happening

Can't stand

5 Strongly dislike or hate

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.

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

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

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

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

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 playing tennis.*



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 ☐

1 The directors chose Kofi for the squad.

True ☐ False ☐

2 Kofi thought he would easily win a medal.

True ☐ False ☐

3 Kofi's training wasn't very successful.

True ☐ False ☐

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

True ☐ False ☐

5 Kofi wants a long break from competitions now.

True ☐ False ☐

## 35 CHECKLIST

Simple verb patterns ☐

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