

Verbs Followed by Infinitives or Gerunds



A. Read the sentences below. Which one is correct?

1. I started *to play* soccer when I was six years old, and I still like *to play*.
2. I started *playing* soccer when I was six years old, and I still like *playing*.

Both sentences are correct. The verbs *start* and *like* can be followed by either an infinitive or a gerund. Other verbs that can be followed by an infinitive or a gerund are: *begin, continue, love, hate, can't stand*.

B. Complete the sentences below with either an infinitive or a gerund.

1. What is something you started (do) _____ when you were a child and still like (do) _____?

I started _____ when I was a child, and I still like (do) _____ it.

2. When did you begin (learn) _____ English?

I began (learn) _____ English _____ years ago.

3. What is something you'll continue (do) _____ even when you're old?

I'll continue _____ even when I'm old.

4. What is something you can't stand (do) _____?

I can't stand _____.

5. What is something you like (do) _____?

I like _____.

6. What is something you love (do) _____?

I love _____.

C. Read the questions and answers aloud with a partner.