**Worksheet on -ing form and to infinitive**

After certain verbs we use the -ing form, and after other verbs we use the infinitive. Sometimes we can use either form and there is no change in meaning.

**(Group 1): The –ing form is used directly after certain verbs like:**

Avoid/ enjoy/ finish/ practice/ stop/ suggest/ keep (on) / admit/ carry on/ consider/ delay/ deny/ give up/ involve/ postpone/ resist.

**Example**: - She started **working** and **earning** money.

* Students should consider **doing** a computer course.

**The –ing form is also used after prepositions.**

**Example:** - He is interested in **doing** research.

* Research Engineers find new and better ways of **doing** things.
* She succeeded in **finding** a post as a Research Engineer.

**(Group 2): We use to infinitive after certain verbs:**

Afford/ aim/ choose/ decide/ hope/ learn/ mean/ promise/ want/ agree/ attempt/ expect/ fail/ manage/ offer/ prepare/ propose.

**Example**: - She wanted **to leave** school.

* He decided **to study**.

**(Group 3): With some verbs, we can use both the –ing form and the to infinitive with little change of meaning. These include:**

Begin/ continue/ hate/ intend/ like/ love/ prefer/ start

**Example**: - We continued **practicing/ to practice** our communication skills throughout the course.

* He likes **to drink**/ **drinking** juice.

**Put the verbs between brackets into their correct forms:**

1. She admitted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (steal) the money.
2. She avoided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him about her plans.
3. I like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the party with you.
4. He enjoys \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bath in the evening.
5. She kept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) during the film.
6. I am learning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (speak) English.
7. I’ve finished \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cook). Come and eat.
8. He decided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) Biology.
9. I’m interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (learn) French.
10. I promise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (help) you tomorrow.
11. We considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema last week.
12. She agreed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (bring) the pudding.
13. We hope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) China next year.
14. She suggested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema.
15. I don’t want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) yet.
16. I hate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) late to meetings.
17. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have a rest.
18. We are starting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (learn) about technology.
19. We’ve started \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (learn) about technology.
20. We intend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (travel) this summer.
21. I agreed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (start) working at the bank.
22. He’s continuing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (practice) Excel.
23. He suggested\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (borrow) my car.
24. You should stop\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (argue) with your parents.