Sharing Hobbies and Interests



Introduction: Gerund and Infinitive

In English, verbs can be followed by another verb in:

- **the gerund form (verb + -ing)**
- **the infinitive form (to + base verb)**

The choice between gerund and infinitive can change the meaning of the sentence or be dictated by the first verb.

Gerunds

A gerund is the -ing form of a verb that functions as a noun in a sentence.

Examples from the Script:

Sarah: "I love **painting**. It's my way of relaxing after a long day."

John: "I enjoy **playing** the guitar. It helps me unwind."

Verbs Followed by Gerunds:

enjoy	consider
love	avoid
like	recommend
dislike	suggest

Infinitives

An infinitive is the base form of a verb preceded by "to".

Examples from the Script:

Sarah: "And if you teach me **to play** the guitar..."

John: "I've been meaning **to read** more fiction lately."

Verbs Followed by Infinitives:

want	hope	agree
decide	plan	learn
intend	promise	offer

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Examples from the Script

Let's look at how the gerunds and infinitives are used in the script

"**Sharing Hobbies and Interests** ":

John: So, Sarah, what do you enjoy **doing** in your free time?

Sarah: I love **painting**. It's my way of relaxing after a long day. What about you?

John: I enjoy **playing** the guitar. It helps me unwind. Do you have any other hobbies?

Sarah: Yes, I like to go **hiking** on weekends. It's a great way to stay active and enjoy nature.

John: That sounds amazing. I've been wanting **to try** hiking. Maybe you can show me some trails.

Sarah: I'd love to! And if you teach me **to play** the guitar, we could trade skills.

John: Deal! I've been practising some new songs. It would be fun to share them with someone.

Sarah: Sounds perfect. Oh, I also enjoy **reading**. I can spend hours getting lost in a good book.

John: I enjoy **reading** too. I've been meaning **to read** more fiction lately. Any recommendations?

Sarah: Definitely! I recommend **starting** with a classic like "Pride and Prejudice." It's a timeless story.

John: I'll add it to my list. I also enjoy **cooking**. Trying out new recipes is a fun challenge.

Sarah: Me too! Cooking is such a creative outlet. We should cook together sometime.

John: That would be great. It's always more fun to cook with someone else.

Practice

Choose the correct form (gerund or infinitive) for the verbs in parentheses:

1. I love (to paint/painting) in my free time.
2. He decided (to learn/learning) to play the piano.
3. She enjoys (to hike/hiking) on weekends.
4. They want (to try/trying) the new restaurant.
5. We planned (to cook/cooking) dinner together.

Answers

1. painting
2. to learn
3. hiking
4. to try
5. to cook