

Pre-intermediate 16

VERB PATTERNS

Verb patterns

I like riding my bike Present information

I decided to sell my car Past decision > future action

I want to try yoga Present feeling > future action

I'm thinking of moving to London Present feeling > future action

I forgot to bring my phone today Past action > present result

I love listening to music Present information

I promise to call you tomorrow Present decision > future action

I'd like to visit Paris Present feeling > future action

I'm looking forward to seeing my friends tomorrow

I enjoy watching TV Present information Present feeling > future action

I need to go to the bank this afternoon Present need > future action

I finished painting my kitchen yesterday Past action

I'd love to travel around the world Present feeling > future action

I hope to go on holiday this summer Present feeling > future action

I tried to speak to the manager but he was on holiday Past action

I'm learning to speak Spanish Present action

Third person (he/she)

He likes riding his bike

She decided to sell her car

He wants to try yoga

She's thinking of moving to London

He forgot to bring his phone today

She loves listening to music

He promises to call you tomorrow

She'd like to visit Paris

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She enjoys watching TV

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He tried to speak to the manager but he was on holiday

She's learning to speak Spanish

Verb patterns

In English, it is not possible to simply put two verbs together

~~I like + ride my bike~~ verb + verb ✘

I like riding my bike verb + verb ing ✔

I like to ride my bike verb + to + verb (infinitive) ✔

~~I decided + sell my car~~ verb + verb ✘

~~I decided selling my car~~ verb + verb ing ✘

I decided to sell my car verb + to + verb (infinitive) ✔

~~I finished + paint my kitchen~~ verb + verb ✘

I finished painting my kitchen verb + verb ing ✔

~~I finished to paint my kitchen~~ verb + to + verb (infinitive) ✘

Some verbs can be followed with:

+ verb ing

+ to + verb (infinitive)

Some verbs can **only** be followed with:

+ to + verb (infinitive)

Some verbs can **only** be followed with:

+ verb ing

Verb patterns

I **like riding** my bike

I **decided to sell** my car

I **want to try** yoga

I'm **thinking of moving** to London

I **forgot to bring** my phone today

I **love listening** to music

I **promise to call** you tomorrow

I'd **like to visit** Paris

I'm **looking forward to seeing** my friends tomorrow

I **enjoy watching** TV

I **need to go** to the bank this afternoon

I **finished painting** my kitchen yesterday

I'd **love to travel** around the world

I **hope to go** on holiday this summer

I **tried to speak** to the manager **but he was** on holiday **try + verb ing**

I'm **learning to speak** Spanish

verb -ing

like + verb ing

think of + verb ing

love + verb ing

Be looking forward to + verb ing = EXCEPTION

enjoy + verb ing

finish + verb ing

verb + to + infinitive

like + to + verb (infinitive)

decide + to + verb (infinitive)

want + to + verb (infinitive)

forget + to + verb (infinitive)

love + to + verb (infinitive)

promise + to + verb (infinitive)

would like + to + verb (infinitive)

need + to + verb (infinitive)

would love + to + verb (infinitive)

hope + to + verb (infinitive)

try + to + verb (infinitive)

learn + to + verb (infinitive)



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