



<p>D</p>	<p>Some verbs (feel, hear, notice, observe, overhear, see, watch) can be followed by an object and then either by an -ing form or a bare infinitive, but their meanings may be slightly different. An -ing form suggests that an action is in progress, while a bare infinitive suggests a completed action. Compare:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I saw <i>them playing</i> football from my window. <i>and</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I saw <i>him smash</i> the bottle.</p> <p>Also, an -ing form can suggest that we watch, hear, etc. some of an action, but not from start to finish, while a bare infinitive suggests that we watch, hear, etc. the whole action from start to finish. Compare:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I was able to watch <i>them building</i> the new car park from my office window. <i>and</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I watched <i>him climb</i> through the window, and then I called the police.</p>
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Ex. 1. Choose the correct answer

1. We watched two boys ... across the street.

- a. run
- b. running

2. Listen! Can you hear somebody...?

- a. cry
- b. crying

3. Her present made me ...happy.

- a. feel
- b. feeling

4. Jane, can you smell something ...in the kitchen?

- a. burn
- b. burning

5. We didn't see the accident...

- a. happen
- b. happening

6. We found Tom in his room ...newspapers.

- a. read
- b. reading

Ex. 2 Choose one of the verbs in brackets to complete each sentence. (A)

1. a. My mother ... me to throw away my old toys (*threatened/ told*)

b. My mother ... to throw away my old toys

2 a. They... to visit Janet in hospital (*allowed/ offered*)

b. They... us to visit Janet in hospital

3 a. I ... to carry the heavy boxes up the stairs (*managed/ persuaded*)

b. I ... Nigel to carry the heavy boxes up the stairs.

4. a. She... Jack to help in the garden (*agreed/ encouraged*)

b. She ...to help in the garden.

5. a. I ... her to tidy up the house. (*pretended/ reminded*)

b. I... to tidy up the house.

6. a. Brian... to study economics at university (*advised/ hoped*)

b. Brian... me to study economics at university.

Ex. 3. Consider which verb form is more likely and why, and underline it.

1 I heard the tyre burst/ bursting and then the lorry skidded across the road.

2 Karl noticed someone watch/ watching him from an upstairs window.

3 She felt the bee sting/ stinging her just before she brushed it off her arm.

4 With a good telescope you can see the eagles feed/ feeding their chicks in the nest.

Ex.4. Match the sentence beginnings and endings, adding an appropriate object where necessary and write (to) this might be included.

- 1 When Sue thought of going on the roller-coaster it made...
- 2 The new course is intended to help...
- 3 I forgot to buy any bread so we had to make...
- 4 Scientists hope the new drug will help...
- 5 The puppy isn't well trained yet, so if you let...
- 6 We didn't agree with the decision, but we didn't dare ...
- 7 When John arrives, have...
- 8 The dial on the left lets...

a go of his lead, he'll run away.

b feel quite ill.

c prevent hay fever.

d control the speed of the fan.

e wait outside my office

f understand modern art.

g do with coffee for breakfast.

h protest against it.

Ex. 5. Place the words in order and answer the questions.

1. Have you ever seen your mother play football?
2. Have you ever seen your father cook dinner?
3. Will you ever let your friend copy a test?
4. Who wants you to learn English well?
5. What makes your brother be angry with you?
6. Have you ever heard your friend sing songs?
7. Would you like your friend to get a good mark in English?
8. Who would like you to be a good sportsman?
9. Does your mother expect you to speak English fluently?
10. Do you let your sister take your things?