Like + verb - ing

The structure "**like + verb-ing**" is used to express a preference, enjoyment, or positive attitude towards a specific activity or action.

Structure:

"Like + verb-ing" consists of the verb "like" followed by the gerund form of another verb. The gerund form is created by adding "-ing" to the infinitive form of the verb. For example:

- I like swimming in the ocean.
- They like watching movies on weekends.
- She likes reading books before bed.

Here are some common verbs that can be used similarly to **"like/dislike + verb-ing"** to express preferences or feelings towards an activity:

Enjoy:
- I enjoy swimming in the ocean.
- They enjoy watching movies on weekends.

Love:
- She loves reading novels in her free time.
- We love playing board games together.

Adore:
- He adores hiking in the mountains.
- They adore listening to music while studying.

Prefer:
- I prefer running over cycling.
- She prefers eating out rather than cooking.

Hate:
- They hate doing household chores.
- We hate waking up early in the morning.

Detest:
- He detests attending social gatherings.
- She detests working late hours.

Can't stand:
- I can't stand waiting in long lines.
- They can't stand watching horror movies.

Despise:
- She despises doing paperwork.
- We despise cleaning the house.

Dislike:
- He dislikes going to the dentist.
- They dislike public speaking.

Loathe:
- We loathe doing math homework.
- She loathes waking up early on weekends.

Like + verb - ing can also express regular or habitual actions. Use it to describe activities you frequently engage in.
For example: I like going for a walk after dinner.



Like + verb - ing exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer.

1. Choose the correct sentence:
a) He likes to swimming in the ocean.
b) He likes swimming in the ocean.
c) He likes swim in the ocean.

2. Which verb can replace "like" in the sentence: "They ____ hiking in the mountains."
a) enjoying
b) loves
c) prefer

3. Identify the incorrect sentence:
a) I enjoy playing tennis.
b) She enjoys to playing tennis.
c) They enjoy cycling.

4.I ___ to classical music.
a) like listening
b) likes listening
c) like listen

5. What is the gerund form of the verb "dance"?
a) dances
b) danceing
c) dancing

6. Choose the correct sentence:
a) He loves reading books.
b) He love reading books.
c) He loves to reading books.

7. Choose the correct sentence:
a) She enjoy to cooking.
b) She enjoys cooking.
c) She enjoying cooking.

8. Choose the correct sentence:
a) I hate do the washing up
b) I hate to doing the washing up
c) I hate doing the washing up

9.He _____ horror movies.
a) doesn't like watching
b) not like watching
c) don't like watch

10. ____ she _____ travelling?
a) Do, like
b) Does, likes
c) Does, like

Like + verb - ing exercise 2:

Complete the sentence/question with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. She _____(love/read) books before bedtime.

2. They _____ (like/play) football at the local park.

3. We _____ (like/watch) movies on Friday nights.

4. He _____ (not like/eat) spicy food.

5. Do you _____ (like/go) for a walk in the mountains?

6. I _____ (like/listen) to music while studying.

7. He _____ (hate/be) late for school.

8. She _____ (despise/cook) dinner every day.

9. We _____ (enjoy/spend) time with our friends and family.

10. I _____ (like/do) yoga to relax.



Like + verb-ing: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. b) He likes swimming in the ocean.
2. c) prefer
3. b) She enjoys to playing tennis.
4. a) like listening
5. c) dancing
6. a) He loves reading books.
7. b) She enjoys cooking.
8. c) I hate doing the washing up
9. a) doesn't like watching
10. c) Does, like

Exercise 2

1. loves reading
2. like playing
3. like watching
4. does not like eating / doesn't like eating
5. like going
6. like listening
7. hates being
8. despises cooking
9. enjoy spending
10. like doing