

Test it ✓

1 Find the incorrect sentences.

- a When I drove past your house I saw ten birds sit on the roof.
- b Suddenly, we heard a girl to scream.
- c Did you notice Jane staring at Simon last night?
- d We're going surfing in Cornwall next summer.
- e Leo loves tennising.
- f Jogging is a popular pastime.
- g To go shopping is what Jenny likes most of all.
- h We saw the postman fall off his bike but he was OK.
- i To see you again is the best thing that's happened to me for years.
- j One of Tim's worst habits is singing in the bath.

2 Write the -ing form, base form or the infinitive to complete the sentences.

- a We saw a strange man (stand) outside the bank.
- b I suddenly felt a sharp pain (go) through my leg.
- c (practise) yoga is supposed to make you feel calm.
- d I'm listening to my favourite actor (speak) on the radio.
- e (keep) fit is good for your health and it makes you feel happier, too.
- f He saw the woman (get) out of the car and run off.
- g Jay hates (smoke) but he can't give it up.
- h Nick and Jeff are going (climb) next weekend.
- i We watched the people (dance) in the street – it was great fun.
- j Do you enjoy (play) squash?

Test it again ✓

1 Choose the best option, A or B.

- a is good fun. I enjoy it.
A To cook B Cooking
- b Steve loves
A playing football B footballing
- c He heard the dog just before it bit Charlie.
A growl B to growl
- d golf is incredibly boring in my opinion.
A Playing B To play
- e I noticed a small rabbit by the side of the road.
A lie B lying
- f happy is more important than anything else in life.
A Feel B Feeling
- g every day makes him feel better.
A Running B Run
- h They saw Peter the flowers in the bin and walk off.
A to throw B throw
- i I heard someone loudly in the room next door.
A snoring B to snore
- j Andrew and Jo both love
A marathoning B running marathons
- k We watched the children on the beach.
A playing B to play

2 Choose the best caption for the cartoon.



- I wish I were you. Move house is so stressful!
- I wish I were you. Moving house is so stressful!
- I wish I were you. To move house is so stressful!



Fix it

Answers to Test it

Check your answers. Wrong answer? Read the right Fix it note to find out why.

- 1 a sit → D
 b to-scream → C
 c correct → D
 d correct → A
 e tennis-ing playing tennis → B
 f correct → A
 g To-go- → A
 h correct → C
 i To-see → A
 j correct → A

- 2 a standing → D
 b go → C
 c Practising → A
 d speaking → D
 e Keeping → A
 f get → C
 g smoking → A
 h climbing → A
 i dancing → D
 j playing → A

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Answers to Test it again

- 1 a B b A c A d A
 e B f B g A h B
 i A j B k A
- 2 I wish I were you. Moving house is so stressful!



Fix it notes

- A** Use an *-ing* form (not an infinitive) as the subject or object of a sentence.
- B** Make an *-ing* form from a verb. Don't make an *-ing* form from a noun.
- C** After the verbs *feel, hear, notice, see, watch* + object, use the base form of the verb if the action is finished before you stop feeling, hearing, etc.
- D** After the verbs *feel, hear, notice, see, watch* + object, use the *-ing* form if the action isn't finished before you stop feeling, hearing, etc.

For more information, see the Review page opposite.

i Review

Verb patterns (1)

The *-ing* form as subject or object

- You can use the *-ing* form of a verb as the subject or object of a sentence. It behaves like a noun.
Swimming is good for you. NOT *To swim is good for you.*
I like swimming.
- Be careful! You can't make an *-ing* form out of a noun.
I like playing tennis. NOT *+like tennis-ing.*

Go

- You often use *go* + *-ing* form to talk about sports and leisure.
Tony and I are going walking in the Alps next month.
We're all going clubbing tonight. Do you want to come?

Note that you don't normally use *to go* at the beginning of a sentence.
Running is very important to David.

NOT *To go running is very important to David.*

Verbs + object + *-ing* form or base form

- After certain verbs, e.g. *feel, hear, notice, see, watch* + object you can use the base form. You use the base form when the action you're talking about is completed.
I heard the door slam.
Helen saw Stephen pick up the letter and throw it in the bin.
- You use the *-ing* form after *feel, hear, notice, etc.* + object when the action you're talking about isn't completed.
We watched tourists floating in the Dead Sea.
I noticed a monkey swinging through the trees.
The witness saw a man standing on the corner.
 NOT *The witness saw a man stand on the corner.*