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GRAMMAR

verb + -ing or verb + to + infinitive

I can use verbs taking to + infinitive and -ing forms.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TO CLOTHES?



1 (SPEND)

- A I spend a lot of money on clothes.
 B I can't afford ¹to spend much money on clothes.
 C I prefer ² my money on going out.

2 (GO)

- A I enjoy ³ shopping for clothes.
 B I don't mind ⁴ shopping for clothes.
 C I refuse ⁵ shopping for clothes.

3 (BUY)

- A I love ⁶ new clothes every season.
 B I only buy clothes when I need them.
 C I avoid ⁷ new clothes for as long as possible.

4 (WEAR)

- A I refuse ⁸ sweatpants.
 B I love ⁹ sweatpants at home for comfort.
 C I wear sweatpants all the time.

5 (GET)

- A I hope ¹⁰ a job where I can wear all my favourite clothes.
 B I want ¹¹ a job where I can wear practical, comfortable clothes.
 C I'd like ¹² a job where I can wear a uniform or a suit.

6 (THINK)

- A In the morning, I spend a lot of time ¹³ about my clothes.
 B In the morning, I don't spend much time ¹⁴ about my clothes.
 C I wear the same clothes every day.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Mainly As I LOVE THEM

You enjoy ¹⁵ (think) about clothes (perhaps a bit too much), and the way you look is important for your personal identity.

Mainly Bs I NEED THEM

You don't mind ¹⁶ (think) about clothes, but they are not your priority. You prefer casual clothes because you need ¹⁷ (be) comfortable.

Mainly Cs I HATE THEM

You hate ¹⁸ (think) about clothes! You choose ¹⁹ (spend) your time and money on other things. But don't forget, clothes can be fun.

- 1 **SPEAKING** Match the words in the box with the clothes in the pictures. Which of the clothes do you have? Tell your partner.

hoodie ☐ jacket ☐ suit ☐ sweatpants ☐
 tie ☐ uniform ☐

- 2 Tick the sentence that best describes your opinion about clothes.

- 1 I **want to look** good at all times. ☐
 2 I **enjoy wearing** comfortable things. ☐
 3 I'm not interested in clothes. ☐

- 3 Read the **GRAMMAR FOCUS**. Complete the examples using the verb patterns in blue in Exercise 2.

GRAMMAR FOCUS 4

Verb + -ing or verb + to + infinitive

- After some verbs and verb phrases you usually use the to + infinitive.

Examples: agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, 'd like, 'd prefer

I **want** ¹ good at all times.

- After some verbs and verb phrases you usually use the -ing form of a verb.

Examples: avoid, can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, hate, like, love, miss, prefer, spend time

I **enjoy** ² comfortable things.

- 4 Complete the questionnaire with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
- 5 **SPEAKING** Do the questionnaire. What is your attitude to clothes? Tell your partner.
- 6 Complete the sentences with **to wear** or **wearing**. Which sentences are true for you?
- I can't stand **wearing** formal clothes like suits.
 - I don't mind second-hand clothes.
 - I refuse skinny jeans. They're too uncomfortable.
 - I hate heavy winter coats.
 - I can't afford designer clothes. They're too expensive.
 - I avoid anything yellow or pink.
- 7 Complete the sentences with information about yourself. Write five true sentences and one false.
- I love ...
 - I need ...
 - I've decided ...
 - I spend a lot of time ...
 - I sometimes pretend ...
 - I hope ...
- 8 Read your sentences in Exercise 7 to your partner for him/her to guess which sentence is false.