

LIKE / LOVE / HATE + -ING

A1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Talk about activities you enjoy or dislike.

1. READ: Choosing a weekend activity

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar forms.

Leo: What shall we do on Saturday, Ana?
Ana: I **love walking**. We could go to the park.
Leo: I **like walking** too, but it's going to rain.
Ana: What about cooking lunch at my place?
Leo: Good idea. I **love cooking**. Do you like making soup?
Ana: Yes, but I **hate washing** the dishes afterwards!

2. GRAMMAR: Activities and preferences

Use like, love or hate + an -ing form to talk about activities.

Meaning / form	Pattern	Example
Enjoy an activity	like + -ing	I like reading.
Enjoy it very much	love + -ing	She loves dancing.
Strongly dislike it	hate + -ing	We hate waiting.

For a softer negative, use **don't like**: I don't like cleaning.

Spelling: **read - reading; dance - dancing; swim - swimming**.

Remember he / she: **He likes cooking**. After doesn't: **He doesn't like cooking**.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: I like **reading** / reads.

1. She loves dance / dancing.
2. We hate wait / waiting.
3. I like cook / cooking.
4. He likes swimming / swiming.
5. They love walk / walking.
6. I don't like clean / cleaning.
7. She likes runing / running.
8. He hates shop / shopping.

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: What do you enjoy?

Write the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

Rosa: Do you like (1) _____ (read), Dan?

Dan: Yes. I love (2) _____ (read) stories. What about you?

Rosa: I prefer films. I like (3) _____ (watch) them with my friends.

Dan: Do you enjoy sport too?

Rosa: Yes. I love (4) _____ (swim), but I hate (5) _____ (run).

Dan: I like (6) _____ (play) tennis. It's more fun with a friend.

Rosa: Me too. We could play on Sunday.

Dan: Great. We can have lunch afterwards. I love (7) _____ (cook), but I don't like (8) _____ (wash) the dishes!

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Write complete sentences.

Example: I / like / read **I like reading.**

1. She / love / dance

2. They / hate / wait

3-4: Make negative sentences. Use don't or doesn't. Example: I like cooking. **I don't like cooking.**

3. I like cleaning.

4. He likes shopping.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three true sentences about activities. Use like, love and hate or don't like.

Example: **I like swimming. I love cooking. I don't like cleaning.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Ask your partner: **Do you like cooking? What do you love doing?**

What don't you like doing?

2. Choose an activity you both enjoy. **We both like walking.**

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Sample target language from the conversation:

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Leo: I **like walking** too, but it's going to rain.

Leo: Good idea. I **love cooking**. Do you like making soup?

Ana: Yes, but I **hate washing** the dishes afterwards!

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. dancing | 2. waiting |
| 3. cooking | 4. swimming |
| 5. walking | 6. cleaning |
| 7. running | 8. shopping |

B. COMPLETE: What do you enjoy?

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| 1. reading | 2. reading |
| 3. watching | 4. swimming |
| 5. running | 6. playing |
| 7. cooking | 8. washing |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. She loves dancing.
2. They hate waiting.
3. I don't like cleaning.
4. He doesn't like shopping.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: I like swimming. I love cooking. I don't like cleaning.

Teacher note: This lesson practises -ing forms. Like / love / hate + to-infinitive can also be correct; do not present -ing as the only possible pattern.