

Activity Name	<b>“SIMPLE VERB PATTERNS” (GRAMMAR)</b>
Language	English
Level	Intermediate (5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> semester)
Objective	Distinguish between the simple verbs patterns to be able to use the gerund or infinitive verb form.
Linguistic Competence to Develop	Grammar Reading comprehension
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze the information about the verb patterns.</li> <li>- Identify the use of the gerund or infinitive form of some verbs.</li> <li>- Use the verb patterns to solve some exercises.</li> </ul>
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read the information about the simple verb patterns.</li> <li>2. Fill in the blanks in the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.</li> <li>3. Match the verb pattern sentences on the left with the ends of the sentences on the right.</li> </ol>
Feedback	-When you finish go to the “Answer Key” and check your answers. You can keep the worksheet in your portfolio of evidence.

## SIMPLE VERB PATTERNS

Verbs combine in different ways in English. When two verbs come together there are three possibilities:

### Pattern 1.

1st Verb + 2nd Verb in \_\_\_\_\_ **ing** form.

Verbs that take this pattern include **enjoy** and **finish**.

*When I finished cooking, we ate dinner.*

*I enjoy spending my weekends at my beach house.*

### Pattern 2.

1st Verb + 2nd Verb in **to** \_\_\_\_\_ form.

Verbs that take this pattern include **want**, **hope** and **decide**.

*I want to go to Spain for a year when I finish university.*

*I hope to find a job there as an English teacher.*

*He decided to come to the cinema eventually.*

### Pattern 3.

1st Verb + 2nd Verb **without "to"**.

Modal Verbs like **can**, **will** and **should** take this form plus other verbs such as **let**.

*I can come to the party at eleven o'clock.*

*He should study more if he wants to pass.*

*My teacher doesn't let us talk in class.*

Some verbs can take both pattern 1 and pattern 2. These include **like**, **love**, **hate** and **begin**.

*I like to go swimming at the weekends.*

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**Attention.** When you learn a new verb, use a dictionary to find out how it combines with other verbs.

**A. Fill the spaces in each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

1. If you don't enjoy  (study), why are you doing it?
2. I'm learning  (cook) Japanese, but it's very difficult.
3. We can't leave until Jeremy finishes  (pack) all his suitcases.
4. I don't mind  (go) on the bus, but I hate travelling by car.
5. Can you let me  (watch) the TV for an hour? There's a film on.
6. Stop  (make) so much noise, I'm studying!
7. His mother promised  (buy) him a computer if he was good.
8. You shouldn't  (smoke) because you are too young.

**B. Match the verb pattern sentences on the left with the ends of the sentences on the right. Write the correct number in the space.**

1. I like walking on the beach...	...is coming to work tomorrow. <input type="text"/>
2. We enjoy making bread...	...to buy a new car. <input type="text"/>
3. We need to borrow some money...	...their next house in Spain. <input type="text"/>
4. I'm keen to see...	...four languages fluently. <input type="text"/>
5. I'm learning to drive...	...more than cakes. <input type="text"/>
6. You must know if Jenny...	...in a 1970s Jaguar. <input type="text"/>
7. They hope to buy...	...when it's sunny. <input type="text"/>
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## ANSWER KEY

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2. We enjoy making bread...	...to buy a new car. <input type="text" value="3"/>
3. We need to borrow some money...	...their next house in Spain. <input type="text" value="7"/>
4. I'm keen to see...	...four languages fluently. <input type="text" value="8"/>
5. I'm learning to drive...	...more than cakes. <input type="text" value="2"/>
6. You must know if Jenny...	...in a 1970s Jaguar. <input type="text" value="5"/>
7. They hope to buy...	...when it's sunny. <input type="text" value="1"/>
8. My uncle can speak...	...that new Brad Pitt film. <input type="text" value="4"/>