NOTES 03

Infinitives and Gerunds

to play = jugar

to have = tener

to leave = salir

**Use infinitive...**

**after adjectives, for example:**

* *disappointed, glad, happy, pleased, relieved, sad, surprised*

This includes "too + adjective" and "adjective + enough". Look at these example sentences:

* I was *happy* **to help** them.
* She will be *delighted* **to see** you.
* The water was *too cold* **to swim** in.
* Is your coffee *too hot* **to drink**?
* He was *strong enough* **to lift** it.
* She is *rich enough* **to buy** two.

**after certain verbs, for example:**

* *forget, help, learn, teach, train*
* *choose, expect, hope, need, offer, want, would like*
* *agree, encourage, pretend, promise*
* *allow, can/can't afford, decide, manage, mean, refuse*

Look at these example sentences:

* I *forgot* **to close** the window.
* Mary *needs* **to leave** early.
* Why are they *encouraged* **to learn** English?
* We *can't afford* **to take** a long holiday.

**Use *-ing*...**

**when the word is the subject of a clause:**

* **Swimming** is good exercise.
* Doctors say that **smoking** is bad for you.

**after a preposition:**

* I look forward *to* **meeting** you.
* They left *without* **saying** goodbye.

**after certain verbs:**

* *avoid, dislike, enjoy, finish, give up, mind/not mind, practise*

Look at these example sentences:

* I *dislike* **getting up** early.
* Would you *mind* **opening** the window?

Some verbs can be followed by the **infinitive** or ***-ing*** form without a big change in meaning: *begin, continue, hate, intend, like, love, prefer, propose, start*

* It started to rain / It started raining
* I like to play tennis / I like playing tennis

Learning Activity 03

Infinitive or -ing

Subraya la opción correcta (la primera ya está hecha).

1. We like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our grandmother on Sundays.

to visit

visiting

to visit/visiting

2. I might want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some money soon.

to borrow

borrowing

to borrow/borrowing

3. My father hates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a tie to work.

to wear

wearing

to wear/wearing

4. We can't afford \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a vacation this summer.

to take

taking

to take/taking

5. The company was pleased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your thank-you letter.

to receive

receiving

to receive/receiving

6. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a window?

to open

opening

to open/opening

7. My suitcase is light enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this time.

to carry

carrying

to carry/carrying

8. She cannot leave the table without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her dinner.

to finish

finishing

to finish/finishing

9. The music will continue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until you turn it off.

to play

playing

to play/playing

10. My little brother dislikes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his hair brushed.

to have

having

to have/having