

6A *Let's talk!*

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Type of activity

Speaking. Group work.

Aim

To practise using gerunds and infinitives after particular verbs.

Task

To play a board game where students form questions using gerunds and infinitives. These questions form the basis of group discussion.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for every group of three to five students. Obtain dice and a set of counters for each group.

Timing

30–45 minutes.

Procedure

- 1 Write two examples on the board – one which requires the gerund and one which requires the infinitive:
Do you like _____ (go) to the theatre? (going)
Have you decided _____ (go) out tonight? (to go)
- 2 Elicit the correct form for each sentence.
- 3 Divide the class into groups of three to five.
- 4 Explain the rules of the game:
 - Students throw the dice and move around the board.
 - If they land on a question, the student must form the question correctly using the gerund or infinitive form. The student then asks this question to another member of the group who must give an appropriate answer.
 - If the student lands on a one word prompt, e.g.: DECIDE, then any other member of the group must form a question for the person who landed on that square. The question must use the key word in an appropriate tense and with the correct verb pattern e.g.: *When did you decide to come to England?*

- The students proceed until someone has finished. If time and inclination allows, they can start again in new groups.

Answers

- 2 Do you enjoy speaking English?
- 3 Do you spend a lot of time reading in English?
- 4 What kinds of music do you hate listening to?
- 6 What kind of house do you hope to live in when you're 60?
- 7 Are there any household jobs you can't stand doing?
- 8 Do you prefer going to the cinema or watching videos?
- 10 Are there any sports you hate playing?
- 11 What kind of job do you hope to have in five years time?
- 13 Do you mind other people smoking next to you in public places?
- 14 What countries do you want to visit next year?
- 16 Have you planned to go anywhere on holiday next year?
- 17 When did you start learning English?
- 19 What do you love doing on Friday evenings?
- 20 What sports do you enjoy watching but not playing?
- 21 Do you mind going to the dentist?
- 22 Do you generally feel like going out on a wintery day?
- 23 When was the last time you arranged to meet someone?
- 25 What do men waste time doing in your country?
- 27 Is there any food that you don't bother washing before you eat it?