

## Verbs Followed by Infinitives or Gerunds



### A. Read the sentences below. Which one is correct?

1. I started *to play* soccer when I was six years old, and I still like *to play*.
2. I started *playing* soccer when I was six years old, and I still like *playing*.

Both sentences are correct. The verbs *start* and *like* can be followed by either an infinitive or a gerund. Other verbs that can be followed by an infinitive or a gerund are: *begin, continue, love, hate, can't stand*.

### B. Complete the sentences below with either an infinitive or a gerund.

1. What is something you started (do) \_\_\_\_\_ when you were a child and still like (do) \_\_\_\_\_?

I started \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a child, and I still like (do) \_\_\_\_\_ it.

2. When did you begin (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ English?

I began (learn) \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ years ago.

3. What is something you'll continue (do) \_\_\_\_\_ even when you're old?

I'll continue \_\_\_\_\_ even when I'm old.

4. What is something you can't stand (do) \_\_\_\_\_?

I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_.

5. What is something you like (do) \_\_\_\_\_?

I like \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What is something you love (do) \_\_\_\_\_?

I love \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Read the questions and answers aloud with a partner.