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.

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