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Verb patterns: -ing or to + verb

Focus: verb patterns: verb + -ing (enjoy, stop, keep, don't mind) vs verb + to (want, decide, hope, plan)

GRAMMAR: VERB PATTERNS

Verb + -ing: enjoy, love, hate, finish, stop, start, keep, give up, don't mind.
Verb + to + verb: want, need, decide, hope, plan, learn, try, forget, promise.
I enjoy **cooking**. I want **to run**. I'm good at **swimming**. **Cooking** is relaxing.
Spelling: run → running, swim → swimming, make → making, plan → planning.

1 Complete the table with cooking / to cook or running / to run.

Example: stop + cook → stop cooking

Verb	+ cook	Verb	+ run
enjoy	_____	need	_____
decide	_____	finish	_____
give up	_____	hope	_____
promise	_____	keep	_____
don't mind	_____	learn	_____

2 Complete with the -ing form or to + verb.

Example: I enjoy _____ (cook) for my friends at the weekend. → cooking

1. Sara wants _____ (lose) a few kilos before the summer.
2. Please stop _____ (eat) so many snacks at your desk.
3. _____ (cycle) to work saves money and keeps you fit.
4. I don't mind _____ (get up) early to jog before work.
5. Don't forget _____ (book) a doctor's appointment for your check-up.
6. Omar kept _____ (order) takeaways, so he put on weight.
7. I'm learning _____ (make) fresh pasta at an evening class.
8. She's good at _____ (plan) healthy meals for the week.

ANSWER KEY

1 1 cooking, 2 to run, 3 to cook, 4 running, 5 cooking, 6 to run, 7 to cook, 8 running, 9 cooking, 10 to run **2** 1 to lose, 2 eating, 3 Cycling, 4 getting up, 5 to book, 6 ordering, 7 to make, 8 planning

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