

Verb + *-ing* form, verb + *to* infinitive

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Hugo prefers *shopping* / *shop* online.
- 2 My mum wanted *finding* / *to find* a smart black skirt for work.
- 3 She doesn't like *to wear* / *wearing* red.
- 4 I can't stand *to buy* / *buying* clothes.
- 5 Where does Mary hope *to get* / *getting* a red pullover?
- 6 You don't need *to try* / *trying* this on – it's one size.

2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There is one extra verb.

do get look (x2) spend think wear

A: I need ¹ _____ about a present for my mum. Can you help me?

B: What about this skirt?

A: I think she'd prefer ² _____ a nice T-shirt from me.

B: What colours does she like ³ _____?

A: She prefers dark colours because she would like ⁴ _____ elegant.

B: Well, we've got lots of T-shirts. Why don't you spend some time ⁵ _____ around?

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B: What have you decided ⁶ _____? Which T-shirt are you going to get?

A: The black one. I'm sure my mum will love it.

3 Complete the sentences about shopping habits so they are true for you. Use *to*-infinitives or *-ing* forms.

- 1 I love _____.
- 2 I'd like _____.
- 3 I prefer _____.
- 4 I'd prefer _____.

Answer key

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1 shopping

2 to find

3 wearing

4 buying

5 to get

6 to try

2

1 to think

2 to get

3 wearing

4 to look

5 looking

6 to do

3

Model answers

1 I love shopping online.

2 I'd like to buy a new pair of trainers.

3 I prefer wearing jeans to skirts.

4 I'd prefer to spend the day shopping with my friend than my mum!