



2nd semester



Topic 51: Verb Patterns.



- ▶ Verb + to + verb
- ▶ Verb + verb + ing
- ▶ Verb + preposition + verb +ing
- ▶ Verb + object + verb
- ▶ Verbs with two patterns and different meanings





Verb + to + verb:

These verbs all use this pattern: want, hope, decide, agree.

I **want to work** with Dr. Laver.

Tim **hopes to leave** the stockroom soon.

Helen **decided to go** out with Michal.

Alice might **agree to change** wards.



Verb + verb + ing:

- ▶ These verbs all use this pattern: enjoy, mind, consider.
- ▶ I **enjoy working** on the emergency ward.
- ▶ Alice **doesn't mind working** with children.
- ▶ Tim **is considering changing** his job.



Verb + preposition + verb +ing

- These verbs all use this pattern: specialise, think.
- He **specialises in helping** children.
- Michal **is thinking about cooking** dinner.

Verb + object + verb:

- ▶ These verbs all use this pattern: let, make.
- ▶ Dad **let me keep** the cat.
- ▶ She **made me say** sorry.



Verbs with two patterns and different meanings:

- These verbs have two possible patterns, and there is a difference in meaning between the patterns: like, hate, regret.
- I **like to swim** every day = I think it is a good idea to do this
- I **like swimming** every day = I enjoy the activity. It gives me pleasure
- I **hate to tell** you this = I am sorry to tell you this
- I **hate flying** = I do not like this activity
- I **regret to tell** you this - I am sorry to tell you this
- I **regret leaving** London - I left London in the past, and I am sorry that I did that