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**First Portion: Grammar refresher:  
Verb GO**

Which of these is correct?:   
  
*I’m going home/to home  
I’m going to bank/ the bank*

There are many ways to use the verb GO in English:

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| **Go + place**  **Going + ing** | - Home, downtown  - Activities (Go or going + Gerund): Fishing, shopping, swimming, camping, dancing, sailing, etc. |
| **Go to** | - Class, work, school, college, university, bed, prison, jail  - Washington, Amsterdam,  - Japan, Italy, Europe, Asia |
| **Go to a** | - Party, conference, concert |
| **Go to the** | - Doctor, dentist, specialist, etc  - Mall, bank, supermarket, Airport, etc |
| **Go on** | - a date, vacations, a cruise, a trip |
| **Go for** | - a walk, a swim, a drive |

**Verb LIKE**

"like + ing" is used mostly to talk about enjoyment, and "like+ infinitive" mostly used to talk about choices and habits. But in American English they use "like+infinitive" with both senses.

For instance:

*I like sleeping alone. (general)  
I like to run in the mornings. (specific situation: in the mornings)*

The verbs ***hate, love, like, prefer*** are usually followed by a gerund when the meaning is *general,* and by a *to-infinitive* when they refer to a particular time or situation.

**Compare:**

* *I hate* ***to tell*** *you, but Uncle Jim is coming this weekend.*
* *I hate* ***looking*** *after elderly relatives!*
* *I love* ***dancing****.*

As you see in the sentences above, the verb like **always requires the ing-form** of the following verb when you talk about things you enjoy!

Here are some other verbs followed by verbs ending in **ing** form:

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| *admit* | *deny* | *finish* | *mind* |
| *avoid* | *dislike* | *give up* | *miss* |
| *(can’t) help* | *enjoy* | *imagine* | *practise* |
| *(can’t) stand* | *fancy* | *involve* | *put off* |
| *consider* | *feel like* | *keep (on)* | *risk* |

**Second Portion: Speaking**

**1. Answer the questions below. Try to add more information.**

* Do you often go to the movie theater?
* Can you think of a very bad movie? What was it?
* Do you want to be in a movie? Why/not?
* Do you want to see any new movies now?
* Do you like romantic movies? How about action movies?
* When was the last time you went to the movie theater? What did you see?
* What is you favorite movie? Why?
* How many times did you see your favorite movie?
* Who is your favorite actor or actress? Why?
* What movies did you see with your favorite actor or actress?

**Bonus Questions:** These questions are more difficult. Can you answer them?

* Do you have a favorite movie director? Who is he/she?
* Do movie stars make too much money? Please explain.
* Explain your favorite movie? What is it about? Who is in it?

**2. Read the following:**

Students go back to school in the fall. They choose new clothes and uniforms. They buy school supplies, such as pencils, erasers, and notebooks. They feel excited about teachers and classmates. However, there is also a serious problem. Many students forget a lot of science, math, and other subjects during the long vacation.

In the US, Europe, and many other countries, summer vacation is two months or more. When children go back to school, the teacher must review information from last year. In fact, students forget about two months of reading skills and more than two months of math skills. Unfortunately, no one has fixed this serious problem.

**2.a Discuss these questions with a partner.**

1. Do you like school? Why or why not?
2. What is the best part about school? What is the worst part about school? Why?

**2.b Vocabulary:** Check the new vocabulary in a dictionary. Then match the words.

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| 1. school supplies | * study again |
| 2. serious | * very important |
| 3. review | * disagree |
| 4. complain | * pencils, erasers, and notebooks |

**3. Discuss the following questions with a partner. Remember to support your answers.**

1. Are you excited when school starts? Why/not?
2. What is your favorite subject in school? Do you remember the information easily?
3. Is a long vacation for school a good idea? Why/not?