

QUIZ TIME!

DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF?

Which side of your brain is dominant? The left or the right? Take this test to find out.

✓ Check the sentences which are true for you.

- 1 I like to read the instructions carefully when I use something new for the first time. ☐
- 2 I don't mind being late for appointments – or if other people are. ☐
- 3 I'm good at guessing the time correctly. ☐
- 4 I enjoy listening to the radio when I work. ☐
- 5 I prefer taking plenty of time to think rather than rushing into a decision. ☐

- 6 I'm bad at remembering names. ☐
- 7 I don't like other people helping me. I prefer to find out on my own. ☐
- 8 I learn by doing. ☐

Understanding your answers:

If you checked mainly odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7), you are left-brain dominant. The even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8) indicate you are right-brain dominant.

Presentation

Verb + -ing

Certain verbs are always followed by a verb in the -ing form (NOT the infinitive):

I enjoy listening to the radio. ✓

I enjoy ~~to listen~~ to the radio. ✗

These verbs include: *avoid, can't help, consider, dislike, enjoy, finish, imagine, involve, keep, mention, mind, don't mind, miss, postpone, practice, report, risk, stand, can't stand, suggest.*

Verb + preposition + -ing

When a preposition follows the first verb, the next verb is in the -ing form:

I learn by doing.

I apologize for cheating.

Verb + object + -ing

Some verbs can be followed by an object and a verb in the -ing form:

I don't like other people helping me.

This fence prevents the animals running away.

These verbs include: *imagine, hate, like, dislike, keep, love, prevent, remember, risk, see, stop, mind.*

Infinitive or -ing?

Some verbs can be followed by either form, with very little or no change in meaning. These verbs include: *hate, like, love, prefer.*

You can use -ing after these verbs to describe the action (or activities) in general:

I like reading science fiction novels. / I like to read science fiction novels.

I love singing. / I love to sing.

You can also use the to infinitive after these verbs to describe an action in certain circumstances or on specific occasions:

I like to read the instructions first when I buy something new.

I love to sing when I'm on my own.

You can use -ing or the to infinitive after some verbs with no change in meaning. These verbs include: *begin, start, continue, can't bear.*

I always aim to finish the job when I start to work on something. ✓

I always aim to finish the job when I start working on something. ✓

1 Complete the sentences with the pairs of verbs. Change the form of the verbs where necessary.

apologize + be can't help + think enjoy + play mind + stay
prevent + break start + work worry + cook

- 1 My family always board games.
- 2 When did you for this company?
- 3 We for late, but we've been stuck in traffic.
- 4 Don't about dinner for me.
- 5 This lock will burglars from into your house.
- 6 My parents don't you at our house.
- 7 I that he lied to us.

2 Complete the conversation. Write the word in parentheses in the -ing form or as an infinitive.

- A: Did you enjoy ¹ *taking* (take) the quiz?
- B: Yes, it was interesting. I discovered that I'm good at ² (do) creative things.
- A: So you're right-brain dominant?
- B: Yes, I am. I don't appear ³ (be) as good with details. What about you?
- A: I was a mixture. On the whole I learn by ⁴ (study) the rules first, and afterwards I attempt ⁵ (answer) questions one by one. That's left-brain dominant. But I also risk ⁶ (make) mistakes from time to time, which is more right brain.
- B: Have you asked anyone else in the class ⁷ (try) the quiz?
- A: Not yet. I was thinking of ⁸ (ask) Pietro.
- B: Good idea. I'd expect the test ⁹ (show) that he's left-brain dominant.
- A: Me too. But you never know!

3 Underline the correct options in italics. In some sentences both options are possible.

- 1 I love *reading* / *to read* poetry.
- 2 Getting a driver's license involves *taking* / *to take* a test.
- 3 Pretend *liking* / *to like* her cooking or she'll be upset.
- 4 When did you begin *collecting* / *to collect* stamps?
- 5 He hates *asking* / *to ask* for help.
- 6 I demand *seeing* / *to see* the manager!
- 7 Remind the children *cleaning up* / *to clean up* their rooms.
- 8 Even after the police have caught them, some people continue *breaking* / *to break* the law.
- 9 Why do you always keep people *waiting* / *to wait*?
- 10 Some people prefer *studying* / *to study* online instead of learning in a classroom.

4 Complete these sentences so that they are true for you. Use a verb in the -ing form or as an infinitive.

- 1 Recently, I've started
- 2 In my spare time, I love
- 3 I can't bear people
- 4 When choosing a film, I always prefer