

A. These verbs all mean "like" or "dislikes" and are usually followed by the "-ing" (gerund):

I **dislike** eating ice-cream on the beach.

I **don't like** eating ice-cream on the beach.

I **enjoy** eating ice-cream on the beach.

I **don't mind** eating ice-cream on the beach.

B. After the verbs "hate", "love", "like" or "can't bear" we can usually use both the "-ing" or "to + verb" pattern.

I **love** eating ice-cream on the beach. OR I **love** to eat ice-cream on the beach.

I **like** eating ice-cream on the beach. OR I **like** to eat ice-cream on the beach.

I **hate** eating ice-cream on the beach. OR I **hate** to eat ice-cream on the beach.

I **can't bear** eating ice-cream on the beach. OR I **can't bear** to eat ice-cream on the beach.

I can't stand eating ice-cream on the beach. OR I **can't stand** to eat ice-cream on the beach.

C. Notice that some expressions use **prepositions** and **articles** (e.g. keen on, fond of, a fan of) and that we use **modifiers** (quite, really, very, absolutely) to intensify or soften the meaning of the verbs and **modifiers** (big, huge) to intensify the meaning of nouns.

1. I'm **quite keen on** gardening. I grow a lot of my own vegetables.

= *To like something because you have an active interest in it.*

2. I've always been **very fond of** that ring. My grandmother gave it to me when I was a girl.

= *To like something, especially something that you have liked for a long time.*

3. I'm **a huge fan of** Manchester United. I watch all their games on TV.

= *Someone who likes a particular activity very much and is involved with watching or doing it as often as possible.*

4. He's **mad about** Formula One car racing. He's always talking about it and reading car racing magazines.

= *To like something very much and spend a lot of time thinking about it and being involved in activities connected with it.*

5. I **absolutely adore** Italian shoes. They are so stylish and beautifully made compared to other shoes.

= *To like something very much especially because you think it is attractive or looks good.*

6. Egypt **really appeals to** me as a holiday destination. I think the history is fascinating and the desert would be so romantic.

= *To like something because you think it is interesting or exciting.*