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Some verbs and adjectives can be followed by either an -ing form or an infinitive. In some cases, there is a difference of meanings. Some verbs and adjectives are usually followed by infinitives. There are also some verbs or adjectives that can only be followed by ing forms.

1. He insisted paid at once.

on being

on to be

to be

2. I don't like the idea old.

to get

of getting

to get

3. I am not very good

to dance

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at dancing

in dancing

4. I was interested that my ancestors were from Burma.

in learning

to learn

to learning

5. I don't think they mean for the moment.

getting married

to get married

Either could be used here

6. If you want to pass the test that will mean hard.

to work

working

Either could be used here

7. I'm beginning things better.

understanding

to understand

Either could be used here

8. I am not accustomed alone.

to live

to living

Either could be used here

9. We are still waiting for them

arriving

to arrive

Either could be used here

10. They are talking about to the country.

to move

moving

Either could be used here

11. They repaired the roof instead on holiday.

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to go

of going

Either could be used here

12. I regret my job. It was a big mistake.

to quit

quitting

to quitting

Answers

1. He insisted on being paid at once.
2. I don't like the idea of getting old.
3. I am not very good at dancing.
4. I was interested to learn that my ancestors were from Burma.
5. I don't think they mean to get married for the moment.
6. If you want to pass the test that will mean working hard.
7. I'm beginning to understand things better.
8. I am not accustomed to live / to living alone.
9. We are still waiting for them to arrive.

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10. They are talking about moving to the country.
11. They repaired the roof instead of going on holiday.
12. I regret quitting my job. It was a big mistake.