

Guess What I've Decided to Do!

{ decide to buy } { ——— } { ——— }
{ ——— } { consider buying } { think about buying }



A. Guess what I've decided to do!

B. What?

A. I've decided to get married.

B. That's wonderful! How long have you been thinking about getting married?

A. For a long time, actually. I considered getting married a few years ago, but never did.

B. Well, I think you're making the right decision. Getting married is a great idea.

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1. *get a dog*



2. *buy a new car*



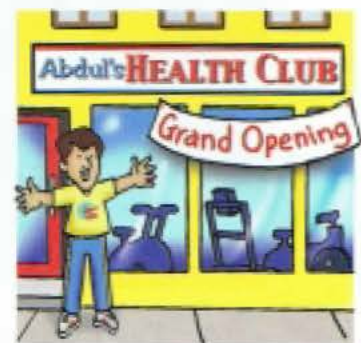
3. *move to New York*



4. *go on a diet*



5. *go back to college*



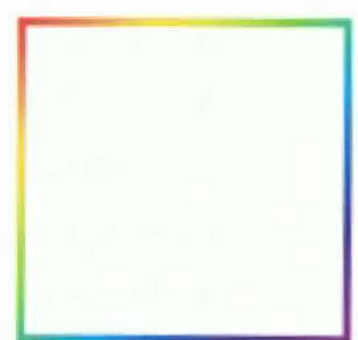
6. *start my own business*



7. *retire*



8. *become a vegetarian*



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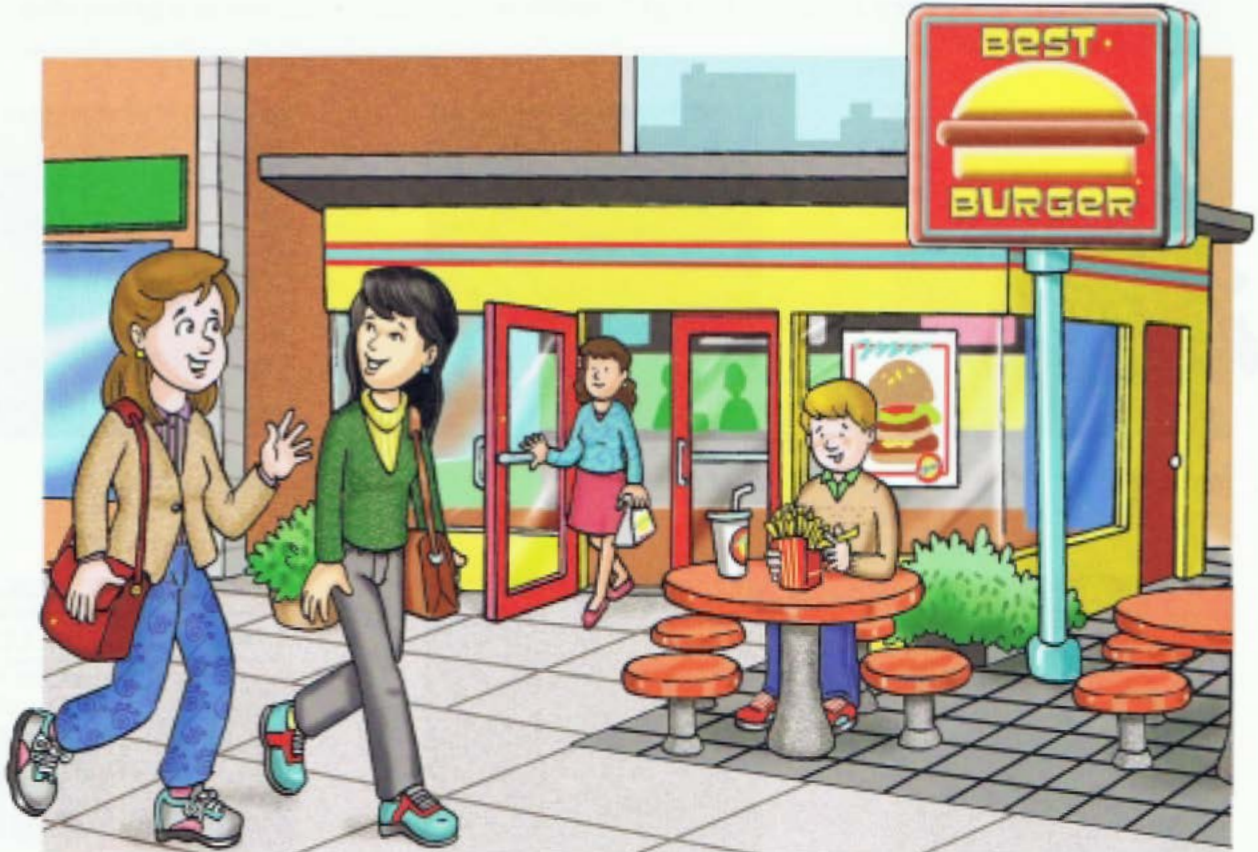
I've Made a Decision

{ begin to eat begin eating }	{ _____ keep on eating }	{ _____ quit eating }
{ start to eat start eating }	{ continue to eat continue eating }	{ _____ stop eating }

begin = start

keep on = continue

quit = stop



- A. I've made a decision.
- B. What is it?
- A. I've decided to **quit eating** junk food.
- B. That's great! Have you ever tried to **stop eating** junk food before?
- A. Yes. Many times. But every time I've **stopped eating** it, I've **begun** * { to eat
eating } it again after a few days.
- B. Well, I hope you're successful this time.
- A. I hope so, **too**. After all, I can't **keep on eating** junk food for the rest of my life.

* begin - began - begun

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B. Well, I hope you're successful this time.

A. I hope so, too. After all, I can't keep on* _____ing for the rest of my life.

* quit = stop
begin = start
keep on = continue



1. *bite my nails*



2. *tease my little sister*



3. *worry about my health*



4. *argue with my neighbors*

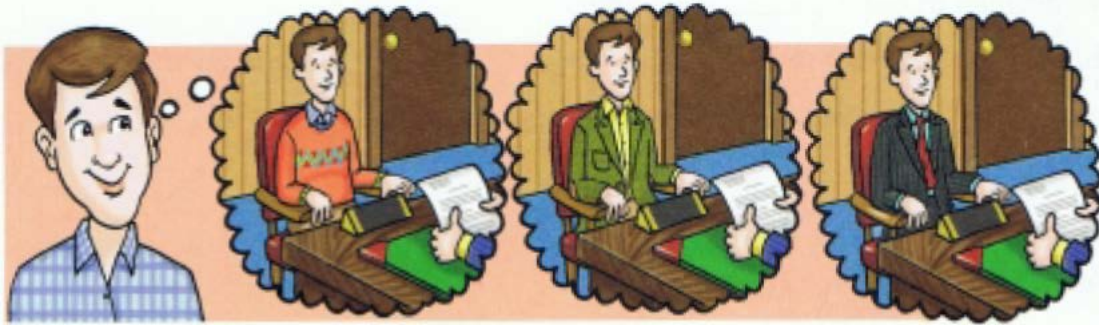


5. *complain about my son-in-law*



6.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS



Jim had to make an important decision recently. He made an appointment for an interview at the Tektron Internet Company, and he had to decide what to wear. First, he considered wearing a sweater to the interview. Then, he thought about wearing a sports jacket. Finally, he decided to wear a suit and tie. Jim thinks he made the right decision. He's glad he didn't wear a sweater or sports jacket. He feels that wearing a suit and tie was the best thing to do.



Emily had to make an important decision recently. Her landlord sold her apartment building, and she had to decide where to move. First, she considered moving to another apartment. Then, she thought about buying a small house. Finally, she decided to move home with her parents for a while. Emily thinks she made the right decision. She's glad she didn't move to another apartment or buy a small house. She thinks that moving home with her parents for a while was the right thing to do.



Nick had to make an important decision recently. He got out of the army, and he had to decide what to do next with his life. First, he considered working in his family's grocery store. Then, he thought about taking a job in a restaurant. Finally, he decided to enroll in college and study engineering. Nick thinks he made the right decision. He's glad he didn't work in his family's grocery store or take a job in a restaurant. He feels that enrolling in college and studying engineering was the smartest thing to do.



Maria had to make an important decision recently. She lost her job as a bookkeeper because her company went out of business, and she had to decide what to do. First, she considered looking for another job as a bookkeeper. Then, she thought about working as a secretary for a while. Finally, she decided to enroll in technical school and study network programming. Maria thinks she made the right decision. She's glad she didn't look for another job as a bookkeeper or work as a secretary for a while. She thinks that enrolling in technical school and studying network programming was the best thing to do.

✓ READING CHECK-UP

TRUE, FALSE, OR MAYBE?

Answer True, False, or Maybe (if the answer isn't in the story).

1. Jim considered wearing a sweater to the interview.
2. He got the job at the Tektron Internet Company.
3. Emily decided not to move to another apartment.
4. Emily never considered buying a small house.
5. Emily's parents think that moving home was the right thing for her to do.
6. Nick's family is in the restaurant business.
7. Nick first became interested in engineering while he was in the army.
8. Maria wasn't a very good bookkeeper.
9. After Maria lost her job, she worked as a secretary for a while.
10. Maria feels she made the right decision.

LISTENING

Listen and choose the correct answer.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a. She enjoys going to the mall.
b. She hates going to the mall. 2. a. He sold his car.
b. He's going to sell his car. 3. a. He bites his nails.
b. He stopped biting his nails. 4. a. She likes traveling by plane.
b. She can't stand traveling by plane. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. a. They're going to move to Florida.
b. They might move to Florida. 6. a. He's married.
b. He isn't married. 7. a. She's going to keep on practicing.
b. She isn't going to continue practicing. 8. a. He interrupts people.
b. He doesn't interrupt people any more. |
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PRONUNCIATION **Reduced to**

Listen. Then say it.

I like to watch TV.

She hates to drive downtown.

How did you learn to draw?

I started to skate last year.

Say it. Then listen.

We decided to move.

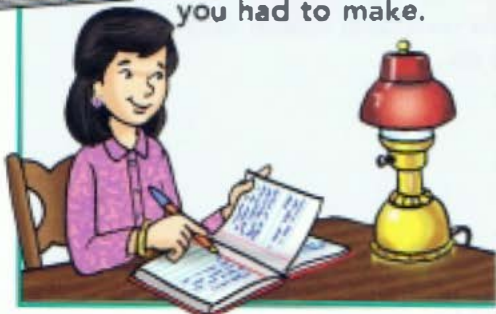
He can't stand to wear a tie.

They've already begun to eat.

I continue to worry about my health.



Write in your journal about an important decision you had to make.



I had to make an important decision recently.

and I had to decide what to do. First, I considered

_____ . Then, I thought about _____

Finally, I decided to _____ because _____

CHAPTER SUMMARY

GRAMMAR

VERB + INFINITIVE

decide learn	to _____
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VERB + GERUND

avoid consider enjoy keep on practice quit stop think about	_____ing
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VERB + INFINITIVE / GERUND

begin can't stand continue hate like start	to _____ _____ing
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GERUND AS SUBJECT

Watching TV is my favorite way to relax.

GERUND AS OBJECT

I'm thinking about getting married.

KEY VOCABULARY

VERBS

begin/start

can't stand/hate

consider/think about

continue/keep on

enjoy/like

quit/stop

avoid

decide

learn

practice

box

figure skate

gossip

interrupt

retire

surf

tap dance

tease