## **Gerund and Infinitive**

## What is gerund and infinitive?

Gerunds and infinitives are the types of non-finite verbs that, when added to a sentence, can be used as a **noun** and or an **object** in a sentence. They can be used in a sentence if there are many



adjectives. However, this might become confusing if you do not know the rules and how to add them to a sentence.

**Gerund** is a verb formed by adding "ing" at the end of the verb and used as a noun in a sentence. It can only be used for an **activity** and cannot be used for a person or thing in a sentence. They are the <u>extra verbs</u> that can be used in a sentence and are not affected by the past, present or future tense.

Similarly, the **infinitive** is a type of non-finite verb formed by adding "to" in front of the verb, which can be used as a noun, adjective, or adverb while forming a sentence. It is mostly used when you are explaining a general instance and not any specific action. Hence, gerunds and infinitives are used as subjects in a sentence.

There are two types of infinitives: full infinitives and bare infinitives. In a full infinitive, you add "to" before the verb, like "to choose." In a bare infinitive, you don't need to add "to" in front of the verb, but there are very few, like "make" and "do."