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Chapter 23
Session A





SPORTS





f L Read examples a–f and match them to 1–6.

Gerunds and infinitives

- **a** They wanted **to bring** attention to the refugee crisis.
- **b** Being on an Olympic team is the goal of many athletes.
- **c** They dream of **winning** a medal.
- **d** The athletes miss **being** in their own countries. **e**6
- **e** It's important **to remember** that they achieved something incredible.
- **f** They created the team **to draw** attention to the refugee crisis.

- 1 gerund as subject of sentence **b**
- **2** gerund after certain verbs, e.g. avoid, enjoy, miss
- 3 gerund after prepositions C
- **4** infinitive of purpose. Alternatively, we can use in order to **f**
- infinitive after certain verbs e.g. *agree*, *want*, *decide*
 - 6 infinitive after adjectives, e.g. interesting, necessary

Verbs that take the gerund or infinitive

Some verbs (e.g. *like, prefer, love, hate, begin, continue, start*) can take either gerund or infinitive with little or no change of meaning.

We like watching TV.

We like to watch TV in the evening.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. If more than one form is possible, write both.

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- 1 I usually exercise by **playing** (play) football.
- 2 I think **swimming**(swim) is the best exercise.
- 3 | likedoing /to dq(do) yoga.
- 4 My friends don't enjoy <u>competing</u>(compete) in sports events.
- 5 It's necessary to exercise (exercise) every day.
- 6 My best friend intends <u>to get</u> (get) fitter next month.

Verb + object + infinitive

Some verbs follow the pattern **verb** + **object** + **infinitive** e.g. help, advise, encourage, force, remind.

The coach **helped them to improve** their performance. Health experts **advise people to exercise** regularly.

4 Read the examples and complete the rules with infinitive or gerund.

Verbs that take a gerund or infinitive with a change of meaning

Do you **remember watching** the 2016 Olympics?

I must **remember to find** out more about the team.

They'll never forget taking part in the Olympics.

Don't **forget to support** the next refugee team.

I stopped playing volleyball, but I miss it.

I was studying, but I **stopped to play** volleyball. I needed a break.

- **1** We use remember/forget + **_gerund** to talk about an experience in the past.
- 2 We use remember/forget + infinitive to talk about doing something in the future.
- 3 We use $stop + \underline{gerund}$ to talking about finishing an activity and $stop + \underline{infinitive}$ when we stop in order to do a different activity.

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

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- watching
- 2. to train
- 3. to learn
- 4. testing
- 5. competing
- 6. to win
- 7. to compete
- 8. to win



6 Answer the question to solve the Brain teaser.

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TEASER

Andy, Beth, Carlos and Daniela each have a different favorite sport: volleyball, swimming, basketball or karate.

- 1 Doing karate and playing basketball aren't things Beth likes.
- 2 Carlos remembers playing volleyball and basketball when he was younger, but he refuses to play them now.
- 3 Neither of the boys enjoys doing martial arts.

Who prefers playing which sport?

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1 Reinforcement Which phrases take the infinitive and which take the gerund?

| | | Infinitive (e.g. to eat) | Gerund (e.g. eating) |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | l want | ✓ | |
| 2 | lt's necessary | * | |
| 3 | He avoids | | * |
| 4 | l gave up | | * |
| 5 | She offered | * | |
| 6 | They agreed | * | |

- 1 | lenjoy training to train, but | always want winning to win!
- 2 I'm going to the athletics track to watch/watching my friends, who are good at to run/running.
- 3 It's important to take/taking part in competitions if you dream or being to be in the Olympics.
- 4 You get better by **practicing/to practice** but you also need to spend time **to relax/relaxing**.
- Throwing To throw the javelin is one of the sports that it's important to do/doing well in the decathlon.
- 6 When you learn to play playing a new sport, it's difficult winning to win at first.

build climb learn see take train

- **1** They helped <u>to build</u> a new hospital.
- 2 We miss <u>seeing</u> our friends back home.
- **3** They decided **to train** every day.
- **4** Learning to swim is important if you live near water.
- 5 They went to India <u>to take</u> photos of the Taj Mahal.
- 6 It's easy to climb Mount Snowdon in Wales because it isn't very high.

