**Infinitives Part 2**

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| Commonly, an infinitive is used with the subject it. The sentence structure is "It is                      + infinitive.…" It refers to the infinitive. This expression is used in many ways.   * It is time to do math. * It is common to think that way. * It is appropriate to keep a low profile. * It was nice to see you. * It was my pleasure to meet you. * It was my honor to have dinner with you. * It is good to see you. * It was great to go on a trip with them.   Both gerunds and infinitive phrases can function as nouns, in a variety of ways. Gerunds and infinitives can follow certain verbs but not others. You need to remember which verbs can be followed by only a gerund or only an infinitive.  **Verbs that can precede only gerunds:** consider, suggest, enjoy, deny, avoid, miss, mind, practice, postpone, resist, finish, quit, give up, put off  **Verbs that can precede only infinitives:** offer, decide, hope, attempt, promise, agree, afford, deserve, refuse, undertake, learn, fail, seem, appear, tend, pretend, choose, demand, desire, guarantee, claim, manage, determine, expect, want, wish  **Verbs that can precede either gerunds or infinitives without changing meanings:**  continue, like, love, begin, start, propose, neglect, stand, hate  **Verbs that can precede either gerunds or infinitives but change meanings:**  forget, remember, stop, try   * I stopped watching the movie. (I no longer watched the movie.) * I stopped to watch the movie. (I stopped what I was doing to watch the movie.)   **[Quiz 16.1]**  Fill in the blanks.  1)I decided                      (leave) the job. 2)She pretended                      (know) me. 3)He desires                      (be) a professor. 4)The company considered                     (sell) its main building. 5)I expect                      (win) at this game. 6)Do you enjoy                      (take) care of your pet? 7)She hopes                      (go) on a vacation. 8)Did you fail                      (pass) the exam? 9)They want me                      (take) this position. 10)It is great                     (hear) that they agreed                      (share) the land.  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [16.1] 1)to leave 2)to know 3)to be 4)selling 5)to win 6)taking 7)to go 8)to pass 9)to take 10)to hear, to share |