

● -ing form or infinitive / prefer, would rather, had better / infinitives of purpose

verb/noun/adjective phrase + -ing form

Some verb, noun and adjective phrases are usually followed by the *-ing* form.

✓ I've finished **writing** my essay.

These include:

admit	delay	dislike	fancy	involve	miss	resist
appreciate	deny	enjoy	feel like	keep (on)	postpone	risk
avoid	detest	escape	finish	mention	practise	suggest
can't help	discuss	face	give up	mind	put off	understand

Watch out!

- Some of the verbs, nouns and adjectives in the list above can also be followed by an object before the *-ing* form.
✓ I can't stand **people** cheating in exams.
- When we put a verb after a preposition, we almost always use an *-ing* form.
✓ I'm interested **in** **hearing** more about that course.

verb/noun/adjective phrase + full infinitive

Some verb, noun and adjective phrases are usually followed by the full infinitive.

✓ Your answer appears **to be** wrong.

These include:

able	arrange	choose	fail	manage	prepare	seem	would like
afford	ask	decide	happen	offer	pretend	tend	
agree	attempt	encourage	help	plan	promise	want	
appear	beg	expect	hope	pleased	refuse	wish	

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- Some of the verbs, nouns and adjectives in the list above can also be followed by an object before the full infinitive.
✓ I didn't want to take the exam.
✓ My mum didn't want **me** to take the exam.

verb + bare infinitive

Some verbs can be followed by an object + the bare infinitive.

✓ You never let me **say** the answer.

These include:

feel	hear	let	make	notice	see	watch
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- The verbs *feel, hear, notice, see* and *watch* can also be followed by the *-ing* form.
We often use the bare infinitive for a completed action (from start to finish).
We often use the *-ing* form for an action in progress at the time.
✓ I heard Miss Jenkins **tell** Julie not to do that. (= I heard all of it.)
✓ I heard Miss Jenkins **telling** Julie not to do that. (= I heard part of it.)
- In the passive, *hear, make* and *see* are followed by the full infinitive.
✓ Active: The teacher **made** me **stand** in the corner.
✓ Passive: I **was made to stand** in the corner.