Gerunds VS. Infinitives

Gerunds are nouns made from verbs+ing.

Example:cook+ing = cooking,drink+ing = drinking

We use gerunds the same way we use nouns.

Example:My friend likes pizza.(pizza= noun)

My friend likes cooking. (cooking=gerund= noun)

My friend is cooking.(is cooking = present continuous)

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1.Some verbs are followed by a gerund.

The following verbs are followed by a gerund.

**enjoy,avoid,miss,finish,consider,hate,dislike,etc.**

I **enjoy** cooking.

enjoy(v) = to like very much

avoid(v) = to not go near someone or something

consider(v) = to think carefully about something

dislike(v)= hate

Some verbs are followed by an infinitive.

The following verbs are followed by an infinitive.

**seem,offer,decide,hope,afford,promise,like,love,want**,etc.

afford(v) = have enough money to pay for something

decide(v) = choose to do something after thinking about it

infinitive = a verb with to in front of it,to+verb

Example:to go,to do,to help,to travel

I want **to travel**.(to travel = infinitive)