

GERUNDS & INFINITIVES: THE BATTLE OF LOGIC



WE USE GERUNDS (WALKING, DOING, EATING...)

- 🍃 after verbs of “preferences”: *enjoy walking, hate drawing, adore cooking*
- 🍃 after verbs that mean stages of a process: *start telling, continue presenting*
- 🍃 instead of nouns: *swimming is joyful, sketching is an important skill*
- 🍃 after prepositions: *is good at planning, succeed in building*
- 🍃 after some other verbs: *avoid, learn, admit, consider, imagine...*



WE USE INFINITIVES (WALK, DO, EAT...)

- 🍃 as purpose: *He stopped to tie his shoelace. I'm calling to tell you this.*
- 🍃 after be + adjectives: *is easy to perform, am scary to see*
- 🍃 after modal verbs: *must go, have to keep, should promise*
- 🍃 after verb + object: *She told me to stop. They made us do it.*
- 🍃 after some other verbs: *teach, want, fail, decide, plan...*



WE USE INFINITIVES OR GERUNDS WITH:

REMEMBER:

I remember closing the door. I remember how I did it.

Please remember to close the door!

FORGET:

You forgot to tell her this, so she doesn't know.

You forgot telling her this, but in fact you did it!

TRY:

They tried to push the button, but failed.

Try pushing this button: it might help.

REGRET:

We regret to inform you that your car has been stolen.

I regret telling him my secret. I made a mistake.

NEED:

I need to clean my car.

My car needs cleaning.

