

## Gerund after certain verbs

**When one verb is followed by another, the second verb is not always in the infinitive. You can say *I want to travel* but not *\*I enjoy to travel*. *Enjoy* is usually followed by the gerund, and so are quite a number of other verbs. The most common are:**

admit	He admitted stealing the money.
appreciate	I appreciate having time to relax.
avoid	He tried to avoid answering my question.
consider	Have you considered getting a job abroad?
delay	Don't delay claiming or you may lose benefit.
deny	She denied stealing the money.
dislike	Quite a few English people dislike eating spicy food.
enjoy	I enjoy dancing.
escape	How did he escape being caught?
excuse	Please excuse my being late.
face	He couldn't face driving all the way to Los Angeles.
fancy	I don't fancy going out this evening.
finish	When will you finish telephoning?
forgive	Will you forgive my asking just one more question?
imagine	I can't imagine George riding a motorbike.
include	Your duties include making tea for Mr Howlett.
involve	Will this involve living abroad?
keep	Sorry to keep you waiting so long.
mention	You mentioned having been in hospital last year.
mind	Would you mind closing the door?
miss	We really missed being able to go to the beach whenever we wanted
postpone	Why can't we postpone going there?
practise	Today we're going to practise parking.
risk	Are you prepared to risk travelling without an armed guard?
suggest	Sam suggested going to the cinema.
tolerate	I won't tolerate your going out every night.