

Infinitive or Gerund

① Complete these sentences with the infinitive or gerund of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Larry, I'd like a word with you. (have)
- 2 I just love in the sun. (lie)
- 3 We hate so early, but we have to get up at the crack of dawn. (leave)
- 4 Why not take a taxi? - I think I'd prefer tonight. (walk)
- 5 Quite a few people prefer to the opera to to the theatre in fact. (go, go)
- 6 My wife used to hate in the morning. (get up)

② Put the verb in brackets in the correct form, gerund or infinitive.

- a You must remember (call) at the bank on your way home because we need (order) some traveller's cheques.
- b Could you stop (type) for a moment? I need (concentrate) on this letter.
- c I hope you haven't forgotten (telephone) the garage because the car badly needs (service)
- d We could try (make) a dash for the car if it would only stop (rain) for a moment
- e I'm sure you won't regret (buy) the house, even though it needs (paint) and (decorate).
- f I regret (say) that he's forgotten ever (promise) you a job.
- g I don't remember (take) my wallet out of my bag, but I must have done when I stopped (buy) petrol.
- h As I told you, he's rather deaf, so don't forget (try) (shout) if he doesn't answer the door at first.

③ Gerund and infinitive revision

- a I've considered (ask) him (raise) my salary, but I don't think he can afford (do) it.
- b If the machine happens (stop) (work), just telephone and arrange for the service engineer (call).
- c I can't help (think) that we shouldn't have agreed (lend) him our car.
- d If you've finished (use) the typewriter, I'd like (borrow) it for a while, so that I can get used to (type) with that machine.
- e He denied (take) the money and warned us (not/call) the police.
- f I'm delighted (hear) that you are intending (visit) us and I look forward to (see) you when you come.

④ Sätze mit verb + infinitive und verb + "ing"-form

examples: They started playing after we had arrived. →
 They started to play after we had arrived.
 → gleiche Bedeutung, daher andere Form möglich
 I don't mind waiting for you a little longer. →
 → keine andere Form möglich; "to mind" verlangt zwingend eine "ing"-Form (Gerund)

1. Dad, have you finished working?
2. I'd like to watch "Star Trek" now, okay?
3. Sammy prefers to write with a ball-point (= Kugelschreiber).
4. Last Saturday I watched my brother play in the finals. He won.
5. Jack managed to get all his things into the bag.
6. I'm very disappointed with Fred. He has refused to help me again.
7. Grandpa loves to work in his garden.
8. After a short rest the tourists continued climbing up the mountain.

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In dieser Übung gibt es nur mehr eine richtige Möglichkeit. Die Frage lautet daher: *infinitive or "ing"-form?*

examples: Mr Fox is angry because I have forgotten (do) my homework. →
Mr Fox is angry because I **have forgotten to do** my ...

I remember (see) this man before,
but I don't know where. →
I remember **seeing** this man before, ...

- About a month ago Aunt Frieda stopped (smoke).
- She had tried (give it up) many times before, but she had never succeeded in (do) so.
- This time she needed (stop) because she had asthma.
- If she had continued (smoke), she would have risked (get) seriously ill.
- A friend had said to her, "Why don't you try (eat) sugar-free sweets instead of (smoke)? It may work."
- And really, so far she has managed (keep) away from cigarettes.

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- The taxi driver stopped at a petrol station (ask) for the way.
- I'd love (fly) a helicopter one day. I love (do) exciting things.
- Gloria and Alfred are here. I can hear them (come).
- "(eat) sweets is dangerous for your teeth", the dentist said. But it's very difficult (give up) something one likes so much.
- I remember (read) this book last year. I liked it!
- Look, somebody forgot (lock) the door. I hate (come) home and (find) the door open! Imagine someone (walk) into the house and (steal) something!
- I'm sure I didn't forget (lock) it! I clearly remember (check) all the doors and windows before we left.
- I hate (hear) my sisters (fight) all the time! – Why don't you try (talk) to them about it? Perhaps they will stop (fight) when you are near.
- Have you ever watched Bill (do) his card tricks? They are amazing. – No, never. But I'd like (see) him (do) them one day.
- Peter has caught a cold. We tried (make) him (wear) a warmer jacket, but he refused (listen) to us.
- My sister loves (take) walks in the rain. I don't! I hate (get) wet.
- The walls of my room need (paint). I'll try (paint) them blue and green this time. I like (try out) new colours.

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Complete these sentences with the infinitive or gerund of the verb in brackets.

- I'll be there at seven sharp. Try not late. (be)
- Have you ever tried your own jam? (make)
- What are you in such a hurry for? – We're trying the last bus. (catch)
- Why don't you try with the windows open? (sleep)
- We must try of him first thing tomorrow morning. (get hold)
- Why don't you try a hat? (wear)

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Complete the following sentences with the gerund or infinitive of the verb in brackets. If both constructions can be used, explain the difference in meaning.

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| 1 Do you remember (have) your first English lesson? | 6 Must you go on (tell) us about it while we are having lunch? |
| 2 Did you remember (take) your medicine? | 7 If it goes on (rain), we will have to cancel our picnic. |
| 3 I'm afraid I forgot (switch) the light off in the cellar. | 8 The boss went on (talk) about less serious matters. |
| 4 Will you ever forget (eat) those lovely cakes in Bad Ischl? | 9 He soon regretted (sell) the old house. |
| 5 The doctor told him to stop (smoke) straight away. | 10 We regret (say) that we are not satisfied with the quality. |

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Give the English for:

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| 1 Ich erinnere mich nicht, Sie schon einmal gesehen zu haben. | 6 Sie blieben stehen, um eine Tasse Tee zu trinken. |
| 2 Hast du daran gedacht, die Milch in den Kühlschrank zu geben? | 7 Als nächstes zeigte sie uns ihre Fotos von Amerika. |
| 3 Ich werde nie vergessen, wie ich mit dem Flugzeug über den Grand Canyon flog. | 8 Hamish redete weiter über seine Erlebnisse auf Borneo. |
| 4 Jemand muß gestern abend vergessen haben, die Türe abzusperrern. | 9 Irvin bedauerte, daß er seinen Fotoapparat zu Hause gelassen hatte. |
| 5 Wann wird es zu schneien aufhören? | 10 Es tut mir leid zu sagen, daß es nicht stimmt. |

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10 Complete these sentences with the infinitive or gerund of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Last night I saw Jane at the bus stop. (stand)
- 2 Did you watch Tom Harry at tennis on Saturday? (beat)
- 3 I was so fast asleep that I didn't hear you in at all. (come)
- 4 Janine saw him the bus the other day. (get off)
- 5 When I looked out, I saw Mr Hallet his car. (wash)
- 6 Listen! Can you hear a cat ? (miaow)

11 Complete the following text.

Of course I remember (see) Cliff. I had just started (polish) the car when I saw him (go) down the street, and I actually watched him (enter) the grocer's shop. He must have forgotten (buy) something. I didn't see him (come) out though, I just went on (polish) the car. I was trying (get) it very shiny. By the way, I must remember (buy) some new polish tomorrow. Not that I mind (do) that. In fact, I quite enjoy (look) over all those accessories they have at the car boutique. By the way, I'd like (buy) new seat-covers. I love (have) new seat-covers. They really make the car (look) nice.

12 Give the English for:

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| 1 Alle fingen gleichzeitig zu reden an. | 9 Als nächstes sprach er über seine Schwester. |
| 2 Er fing mit dem Eislaufen an, als er drei war. | 10 Lies weiter, Thomas. |
| 3 Nicht alle Menschen hassen es, früh aufzustehen. | 11 Er blieb stehen, um Postkarten zu kaufen. |
| 4 Hörst du ihn nie mit seiner Katze sprechen? | 12 Würdet ihr bitte aufhören zu reden. |
| 5 Du mußt wirklich versuchen, bessere Noten zu bekommen. | 13 Wir werden nie vergessen, wie wir an Bord der 'Seven Seas' von New York nach Rotterdam fahren. |
| 6 Hast du jemals versucht, sie im Büro anzurufen? | 14 Bitte vergiß nicht, die Lichter abzdrehen, wenn du die Wohnung verläßt. |
| 7 Bedauerst du, daß du dein Land verlassen hast? | 15 Ich erinnere mich ganz gut, daß ich das Paket an einem Freitag erhielt. |
| 8 Wir bedauern, Ihnen mitzuteilen, daß wir keine freie Stelle haben. | |