

SECTION TWO : STRUCTURE

The infinitive and Gerund

The infinitive

1. We use to + vinf for purpose :

- We bought a new vacuum cleaner to help us do the house work.

2. After the following verbs :

• agree	يوافق	• intend	ينوي	• deserve	يستحق
• arrange	يرتب	• threaten	يهدد	• afford	يتحمل
• decide	يقرر	• want	يريد	• tend	يميل
• wish	يرغب	• demand	يطلب	• manage	يتمكن
• expect	يتوقع	• prepare	يستعد	• attempt	يحاول
• hope	يامل	• seek	يسعى	• long	يشواق
• learn	يتعلم	• refuse	يرفض	• dare	يجرؤ
• offer	يعرض	• seem	يبدو	• hesitate	يتردد
• plan	يخطط	• pretend	يتظاهر	• swear	يُقسم
• promise	يعد	• cause	يسبب	• mean	يقصد

Examples

- Why did you agree to meet her in the first place?
- Have you arranged to meet Mark this weekend?
- He has decided to live in France.
- They didn't deserve to win.
- What time do you expect to arrive home?
- I hope to see you again soon.
- I heard they intend to marry.
- Children learn to creep ere they can go.
- Did you manage to catch the post?
- Next year I plan to travel around the world.
- He promised to collect her from the airport.
- She refused to answer questions about her personal finances.

The gerund

We use the gerund with :

1. Mind

- Do you mind lending me your book?

2. No

- There is no point in doing this work.

3. After most prepositions except to

- She is interested in reading about science.

4. Verbs refer to the past

- She admitted breaking the vase.

5. Expressions with can't.

- Ola can't help crying after she heard the news.

6. After the following verbs

• admit	يعترف	• involve	يتضمن	• quit	يتوقف عن
• avoid	يتجنب	• consider	يفكر في	• prevent	يمنع من
• mind	يمنع	• put off	يؤجل	• resist	يقاوم
• enjoy	يستمتع	• delay	يؤخر	• appreciate	يقدر
• finish	ينهي	• postpone	يؤجل	• miss	يفتقد
• practise	يمارس	• include	يشمل	• propose	يفرض
• suggest	يقترح	• risk	يخاطر	• adore	يعشق
• fancy	يتخيل	• imagine	يتخيل	• anticipate	يتوقع
• deny	ينكر	• can't help	لا يستطيع أن يمنع نفسه من		

Examples

- I would never recommend using a sunbed on a regular basis.
- I regret leaving school so young.
- Today we're going to practice parking.
- He risked being caught.

After the following expressions

• be busy	مشغول	• Be worth	يستحق
• have difficulty (in)	يجد صعوبة في	• It's a waste of money	مضيعة للمال
• It's no good = It's no use	لا فائدة من	• It's a waste of time	مضيعة للوقت
• There is no point in	لا فائدة من	• feel like	يود/ يريد
• How about	ما رأيك في	• It's fun	إنه لمتعة
• What about	ما رأيك في	• don't mind	لا يمانع
• can't stand / bear	لا يحتمل	• Would / Do you mind	هل تمانع
• can't help	لا أستطيع منع نفسي	• can't deny	لا أنكر

Special cases

1. To +ving

• take to	يعتاد علي	• object to	يعترض
• be / get used to	معتاد على	• look forward to	يتطلع إلى
• be accustomed to	على معتاد	• due to	بسبب
• prefer to ...	يفضل على ...	• in addition to	بالإضافة إلى
• own up to	يعترف بـ	• contribute to	يسهم في
• lead to	يؤدي إلى	• be opposed to	معارض لـ
• devote to	يُكرس لـ	• be exposed to	يكون عُرضة لـ
• owing to	بسبب	• thanks to	بفضل

Examples

- She was looking forward to seeing the grandchildren again.
- He objected to doing the project.
- In addition to being a writer, he is a lawyer.
- He is used to getting up early.

Verbs that can take infinitive and gerund

• remember + to + مصدر : يتذكر أن يقوم بعمل شيء ما

- He remembered to see the man.
= He remembered, and then saw the man.

• remember + v. + ing : يقوم بعمل شيء ثم يتذكر أنه فعله

- He remembered seeing the man.
= First, he saw the man, then he remembered.

• forget + to + مصدر : ينسى أن يفعل شيئاً

- Nadia forgot to meet the customer. = She didn't meet the customer.

• forget + v. + ing : يفعل شيء ثم ينسى أنه فعله

- She forgot meeting the customer. = She met him but couldn't remember.

• regret + to + مصدر : يشعر بالأسف لأنه من الضروري أن يفعل شيئاً

- He regretted to say that my brother had an accident.
= He was sorry that it was necessary to say it.

• regret + v. + ing : يشعر بالندم لأنه فعل شيئاً أو لم يفعل

- He regretted saying that my brother had an accident.
= He was sorry that he had said it.

• try + to + مصدر : يحاول عمل شيء و غالباً لا ينجح

- He tried to climb the tree but he couldn't. = He failed to climb the tree.

• try + v. + ing : يحاول عمل شيء و غالباً ينجح / يقوم بعمل شيء ليرى نتيجة

- He tried climbing the tree and did it. = He succeeded in climbing the tree.

- A: I have a bad headache.

B: Try taking an aspirin. = Take an aspirin and see the result.

• stop + to + مصدر : يتوقف لكي يفعل شيئاً

- He stopped to read his paper.
= He stopped what he was doing to read the paper.

• stop + v. + ing : يتوقف عن عمل شيء

- He stopped reading his paper.
= He had read what he wanted to read.

3- أفعال يأتي بعدها to + inf. في الخاص أو فعل مضاف له ing في العام :-

hate / dislike	يكره	like	يحب
love	يحب	prefer	يفضل
begin / start	يبدأ	continue	يستمر في

Ex: I hate getting water in my eyes. This hurts them.

She loves to cook for her family this week.