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## Gerunds and Infinitives

### 1. Verbs and expressions followed by a gerund (verb -ing)

admit	deny	forget	it's worth	postpone	risk
appreciate	discuss	go	keep	practice	spend (time)
avoid	dislike	have trouble	look forward to	recall	stop
can't help	end up	imagine	mention	recommend	suggest
can't stand	enjoy	involve	mind	resent	tolerate
consider	feel like	it's no use / good	miss	resist	understand
delay	finish				

I **appreciate hearing** from you.      She **doesn't mind** helping you.      He **spends** a lot of **time reading**.

### 2. Verbs and expressions followed by an infinitive (to + verb)

afford	be ready	deserve	it's easy	prepare	tend
agree	be willing	expect	learn	pretend	threaten
appear	beg	fail	manage	promise	volunteer
arrange	care	forget	mean	refuse	wait
ask	claim	have a chance	need	seem	want
attempt	consent	hesitate	offer	struggle	wish
be afraid	decide	hope	plan	swear	would like
be pleased	demand	it's difficult			

He **deserved to win** the game.      Will you **have a chance to speak** to her?      I'm **afraid to tell** Bill the truth.

### 3. Verbs followed by a noun / pronoun and an infinitive (to + verb)

advise	challenge	expect	instruct	persuade	urge
allow	convince	forbid	invite	remind	want
ask	dare	force	need	require	warn
beg	enable	help	order	teach	
cause	encourage	hire	permit	tell	

I **expected John to call** me.      Our teacher **encourages us to read**.      They **urged us to come** early.

### 4. Verbs followed either by a gerund or an infinitive without a change in meaning

begin	continue	intend	love	start
can't bear	hate	like	prefer	

I **can't bear to hear** the shouting.

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I **intend to travel** in the future.

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She **continued to work**.

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## 5. Verbs followed by a gerund or an infinitive with a change in meaning

forget    regret    remember    stop    try

I won't **forget visiting** my grandmother in the hospital. (forget what happened)I won't **forget to visit** my grandmother. (forget what to do)I **regret shouting** at her. (be sorry about what happened)I **regret to tell** you that you failed the test. (be sorry about what you must do)I **remember calling** Mary. (remember what happened)**Remember to call** Mary! (remember what to do)I **stopped eating** chocolate. (I no longer eat chocolate.)I **stopped to eat** chocolate. (I stopped what I was doing in order to eat chocolate.)I **tried to take** aspirin but I couldn't even swallow it! (attempt)I **tried taking** aspirin but my headache didn't go away. (experiment)

## 6. Other uses of gerunds

- as the subject  
**Sunbathing** is unhealthy.
- after prepositions  
He's tired **of studying** every day.