

GERUND - INFINITIVE

We can make nouns from verbs. We call them infinitive and gerund. They can be used in specific ways.

Gerund

Infinitive

Firstly, they are not verbs anymore. Don't confuse them with **continuous tenses**.

I am thinking about that...



Gerunds can be used as
subjects or **objects**.

Running on a
regular basis is a
healthy activity.



I will try **running** then!



Subject

Object

Gerunds

Infinitives

VS.

Verb + (-ing)

To + verb

Some verbs are used with **gerunds** while some are used with **infinitives**. We need to learn them.

I really **avoid** getting into trouble.



I don't **want** to get into trouble.



Verbs followed by Gerunds

AVOID	CELEBRATE	CONSIDER	CONTEMPLATE	DEFER	DELAY	DETEST
DISLIKE	<u>DREAD</u>	<u>ENJOY</u>	ENTAIL	ESCAPE	<u>EXCUSE</u>	FINISH
<u>FORGIVE</u>	INVOLVE	KEEP	LOATHE	MIND	MISS	<u>PARDON</u>
POSTPONE	<u>PREVENT</u>	RESENT	RESIST	RISK	SAVE	<u>STOP</u>

E.g. I **enjoy** watching comedy shows.

Verbs followed by Infinitives

AFFORD	AGREE	AIM	APPEAR	ARRANGE	BOTHER	CARE
CLAIM	CONDESCEND	CONSENT	DECIDE	DEMAND	DETERMINE	ENDEAVOUR
FAIL	GUARANTEE	HAPPEN	HASTEN	HAVE (= BE OBLIGED)	HESITATE	HOPE
LEARN	LONG	MANAGE	<u>OFFER</u>	PREPARE	PRETEND	PROCEED
PROMISE	PROPOSE	PROVE (= TURN OUT)	REFUSE	RESOLVE	SEEK	SEEM
STRIVE	SWEAR	TEND	THREATEN	TROUBLE	UNDERTAKE	VOLUNTEER

E.g. I **offered** them to come with us.

Some verbs are special and their meaning change when used with **gerunds** or **infinitives**.

FORGET	I FORGOT TO MEET HIM. <i>(I DIDN'T MEET HIM BECAUSE I FORGOT TO DO IT.)</i>
	I FORGOT MEETING HIM. <i>(I DON'T HAVE THE MEMORY OF MEETING HIM BEFORE.)</i>
GO ON	HE WENT ON TO LEARN ENGLISH AND FRENCH. <i>(HE ENDED ONE PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE THIS.)</i>
	HE WENT ON LEARNING ENGLISH AND FRENCH. <i>(HE CONTINUED LEARNING THE LANGUAGES.)</i>
QUIT	SHE QUIT TO WORK HERE. <i>(SHE QUIT ANOTHER JOB IN ORDER TO WORK HERE.)</i>
	SHE QUIT WORKING HERE. <i>(SHE QUIT HER JOB HERE. SHE DOESN'T WORK HERE ANYMORE.)</i>
REGRET	I REGRET PROMISING TO HELP YOU. <i>(I'M SORRY THAT I MADE THE PROMISE.)</i>
	I REGRET TO TELL YOU THAT WE CAN'T HIRE YOU. <i>(I'M TELLING YOU NOW, AND I'M SORRY.)</i>
REMEMBER	SHE REMEMBERED TO VISIT HER GRANDMOTHER. <i>(SHE DIDN'T FORGET TO VISIT.)</i>
	SHE REMEMBERED VISITING HER GRANDMOTHER. <i>(SHE HAD MEMORIES OF THIS TIME.)</i>
STOP	I STOPPED TO CALL YOU. <i>(I INTERRUPTED ANOTHER ACTION IN ORDER TO CALL YOU.)</i>
	I STOPPED CALLING YOU. <i>(I STOPPED THIS ACTIVITY. MAYBE WE HAD A FIGHT.)</i>
TRY	I TRIED TO OPEN THE WINDOW. <i>(I ATTEMPTED THIS ACTION BUT DIDN'T SUCCEED.)</i>
	I TRIED OPENING THE WINDOW. <i>(THIS WAS ONE OPTION I SAMPLED. MAYBE THE ROOM WAS HOT.)</i>

Exercises

1. I enjoy _____ (listen) to music.
2. I considered _____ (apply) for the job, but in the end I decided against it.
3. Would you mind not _____ (interrupt) me all the time? Let me speak!
4. I'm not going anywhere! I refuse _____ (move).
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7. My car is unreliable. It keeps _____ (stop).
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Answer Key

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