

Infinitive or Gerund

Verbs that can be followed by an infinitive

1- After verbs that generally refer to a future event

Example:

The government **aims** to reduce illiteracy rates

2- After adjectives

- be determined
- be disappointed
- be glad
- be happy
- be pleased

Examples:

"I'm glad to know that you passed the exam."

"I'm pleased to meet you."

"I'm disappointed to hear that you flunked maths."

3- After "too" & "enough":

too difficult

easy enough

Example:

"It's **too** difficult to convince him to be helpful."

" But it's easy **enough** to fool him to get what you want."

More Examples: Verb + Infinitive

We can't **afford** to buy a new car.

She **agreed** to help him.

He **arranged** to stay at a hotel.

He **attempted** to join them.

He **chose** to stay at home.

She **consented** to marry him.

They **decided** to go to the movies.

He **deserves** to be punished.

He **demanded** to speak to Mrs. Lynch

They **endeavor** to provide the best possible service

They **expected** to arrive early.

He **failed** to convince him.

They **happened** to be at the theatre when we met them.

She **helped** me to do the exercise.

I **hope** to join you as soon as possible.

She **intends** to write an autobiography.

He **learned** to play the guitar when he was young.

He **managed** to do his homework without his mother's help.

I **need** to find a job.

He **offers** to help us.

He **plans** to follow a career as an engineer.

The child **pretended** to be asleep.

He **proceeded** to show us how to use the machine.

She **promised** to come on time.

She **refused** to forgive him.

He **seemed** to be unhappy.

I **swear** to tell the truth.

He **threatened** to reveal her secret.

He always **volunteers** to help the needy.

I **want** to finish my work early.

He **would hate** to lose.

He **would like** to drink a cup of tea.

I **would love** to meet you.

Verbs commonly followed by a gerund

1- After verbs that express likes/dislikes

- like
- love
- enjoy
- dislike
- hate

Example:

"I **like** playing soccer but I **hate** boxing."

Note: "like/love/hate..." can be also followed by an infinitive.

Example:

I like to watch TV in the evening.

2- After prepositions

- aim at
- keep on
- interested in
- instead of
- good at
- before ...
- after ...

Example:

"I am interested in collecting stamps."

"After playing football I drank an orange juice".

3- After some expressions

- It's no use ...
- It's no good ...
- There's no point in ...
- I can't help...
- I don't mind...
- I can't stand/bear...

Example:

"It's no use convincing him to meet her. "

More Examples: Verb + Gerund

He admitted stealing the wallet.

I wouldn't advise buying a used car.

They don't **allow** smoking here.

He **anticipated** passing the exam.

She **avoided** meeting him.

I **appreciate** working with you.

They **completed** building their house.

She **considered** starting a new business.

She **delayed** doing her homework.

He **denied** stealing the money.

Fancy meeting you here!

She **finished** writing the letter.

Let's **go** swimming.

He **imagines** meeting her.

The job **involves** working in teams.

He **keeps** complaining about his girlfriend.

He **mentioned** working in that company.

Would you **mind** helping me?

He **misses** talking to her.

The don't **permit** smoking here.

They **postponed** traveling to Japan.

She **practiced** painting.

He **rejected** working with them.

He couldn't **resist** eating the cake.

She **risks** losing her job.

I **suggest** leaving early.

Don't **waste** my time complaining.

Verbs that can be followed by both an infinitive and a gerund:

Some verbs can be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive.

Examples:

- start
- begin
- stop
- remember...

Examples:

"I started **smoking** when I was young."

"I started **to smoke** when I left the office."

Practice:

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| 1. I am keen on _____ in the computer industry. | work |
| 2. Amy decided _____ a doctor. | see |
| 3. Leila enjoys _____ love stories. | read |
| 4. Do you intend _____ Italian or English? | learn |
| 5. Do you mind _____ me wash the dishes? | help |
| 6. Alan asked _____ to the boss. | talk |
| 7. I can't help _____ when I watch Mr Been. | laugh |
| 8. Sara keeps _____ to work late. | come |
| 9. Liza hates _____ Maths. | study |
| 10. Are you interested in _____ in the USA? | live |