

INFINITIVE VS GERUND

To
INFINITIVE

Gerund (-ing)

0 + INFINITIVE

I want **to play**
football.

I like **playing**
football

I can **play** football
well.

TO + INFINITIVE

1. Purpose I went to the shop **to buy** some milk.

2. After adjectives
After **too/enough**
It's nice **to see** you again.
It's too late **to visit** them now.
She's old enough **to drive** a car.
She was too tired **to go** to the cinema.

3. After some verbs and phrases

Advise	He promised to help me.
Agree	She refused to do it.
Ask	
Decide	Would like
Expect	I would like to go to the cinema.
Explain	Would prefer
Hope	I would prefer to stay at home.
Manage	Would love
Want	
Promise	
refuse	

+ING

1. Subject of a sentence

Eating vegetables is good for you.

2. After prepositions.

How **about** making a cake?

3. After some verbs and phrases

- like ,enjoy, dislike, hate, don't mind
I don't mind playing football
- Avoid
- Appreciate
- be used to
- Consider
- Deny
- Fancy
- Go (swimming)
- Imagine
- Suggest
- Practice
- Prevent
- Spend, waste (time)

- it's worth
This film is **worth** seeing.
- can't stand
I **can't stand** eating onions.
- have difficulty
He has difficulty doing the exercise.
- look forward to
I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.
- can't help
I can't help laughing when I watch this film.

0 + INFINITIVE

1	After modals	Can Must Should	She can sing well. I must go. You shouldn't eat so much fat food. You may stay here.
2.	After certain verbs.	Make Let	My mum makes me tidy my room every weekend. Let's go to the cinema!
3.	After phrases	Would rather (not) Had better (not)	I'd rather stay in tonight. You had better not park here.

INFINITIVE OR -ING

She **forgot to lock** the door.

I'll never **forget swimming** in the blue waters of the Pacific.

Did you **remember to buy** some bread? (not forget)

She **remembers walking** along the cozy streets of the old town.

I **tried to open** the door, but I failed.

You should **try eating** more vegetables and fruit.

On their way home they **stopped to talk**.

She **stopped playing** the guitar when her sister came in.