



# GERUND AND INFINITIVE

V+ing or To V ?



# GERUND or INFINITIVE ?

- Some words are followed by the GERUND.
- *E.g.: doing*
- Some words are followed by the INFINITIVE.
- *E.g.: to do*
- Here's a table to help you □

# GERUND

- • After verbs that express likes/dislikes:

like, love, enjoy  
dislike, hate  
don't mind, can't stand

..... doing

# INFINITIVE

- • After verbs that refer to a future event :

want, hope, intend  
would like, promise

..... to do

# GERUND      INFINITIVE

- After certain other verbs,  
such as :

admit	imagine
appreciate	involve
avoid	keep (on)
consider	mention
delay	miss
deny	postpone
finish	suggest
.....	
..... <u>doing</u>	

- ● After certain other  
verbs, such as :

afford	help
agree	learn
arrange	manage
choose	offer
fail	refuse
happen	seem
.....	<u>to do</u>

# GERUND

- After certain expressions:

it's no use ...

it's no good ...

there's no point in

..... doing

# INFINITIVE

- After "too" & "enough":

too difficult

easy enough

- ..... to do

# GERUND

# INFINITIVE

- After prepositions :

interested in ...

instead of ...

good at ...

before ...

after .....

doing

- After  
adjectives:

glad (*ex : glad to know...*)

pleased (*ex : pleased to  
meet you...*)

disappointed (*ex :  
disappointed to hear...*)



## GERUND or INFINITIVE ?

- The verbs : *begin/start/continue* can be followed by the gerund or the infinitive
- with little or no change in meaning



## GERUND or INFINITIVE ?

- The verbs : stop/try/remember can also take both,
- but the meaning changes





# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- STOP
- *I've stopped watching cartoons.*
- Meaning: Stop an activity



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- STOP
- *We stopped to go to the toilets at the petrol station.*
- *Meaning:* Stop in order to



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- TRY
- I 've tried to understand his English, but I was unsuccessful.
- Meaning: Make an effort



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- TRY
- Let's try restarting the computer.
- Meaning: See if it works



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- REMEMBER
- Remember to bring your portfolio to the class tomorrow.
- Meaning: Don't forget



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- REMEMBER
- I remember collecting marbles in our old neighbourhood.
- Meaning: Past memory



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- REGRET
- I regret to tell you that your application has been rejected.
- Meaning: To apologise for something bad. To inform something bad. This is used in more *formal* situations.



# WHAT'S THE MEANING?

- REGRET
- I regret not saying goodbye before leaving.
- Meaning: To be sorry now for something we did in the past.





## Fill in the blanks below with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1. It's obvious he's only interested in (make) making money.
- 2. Anne couldn't find a taxi so I offered (drive) to drive her to the station.
- 3. I managed (book) to book two seats on the morning flight.
- 4. I promise (send) to send you our new brochure as soon as it's available.
- 5. Peter was delighted (meet) to meet a former colleague at the conference.



**Fill in the blanks below with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

- 6. I avoid (take) taking the car whenever possible, especially in big cities.
- 7. We finished the job by (work) working 12 hours a day.
- 8. Bob sent a report to the Chairman instead of (attend) attending the meeting.
- 9. A lot of people dislike (drive) driving at night.
- 10. I intend (speak) to speak to my boss about your complaint.