

Gerunds and infinitives

Verb + **ing**

- **Stop talking!**
 - I'll do the shopping when I've **finished** **cleaning** the apartment.
 - I don't **miss** **working** late every night.
 - Have you ever **considered** **going** to live in another country?
 - I can't **imagine** George **riding** a motorcycle.
 - When I'm on vacation, I **enjoy** **not having** to get up early.
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- Are you going to **give up** **smoking**?
 - He **kept (on)** **interrupting** me while I was speaking.
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- I **enjoy** **dancing**. (*not to dance*)
 - Would you **mind** **closing** the door? (*not to close*)
 - Jill **suggested** **going** to the movies. (*not to go*)

Complete the sentences with these verbs:

try steal meet look
wash ~~play~~ eat splash

write make be run
go drive take

Example: Do you miss *..playing*..... tennis every afternoon?

1. Could you please stop so much noise?
2. I don't enjoy letters.
3. Does your job involve a lot of people?
4. I considered the job, but in the end I decided against it.
5. If you use the shower, try and avoid water on the floor.
6. Jack gave up to be an actor and decided to become a teacher.
7. Have you finished your hair yet?
8. The phone rang while Ann was having dinner. She didn't answer it; she just went on
.....
9. She admitted the car but denied it dangerously.
10. Why do you keep on at me like that?
11. They had to postpone away because their son was sick.
12. If you cross the street without looking, you risk over by a car.

Verb + infinitive

- It was late, so we **decided to take** a taxi home.
 - I like George, but I think he **tends to talk** too much.
 - How old were you when you **learned to drive**? (*or* learned how to drive)
 - They **agreed to lend** me some money when I told them the position I was in.
 - He's lazy. He **needs to work** harder.
 - I'm sorry. I **didn't mean to hurt** you.
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- We **decided not to go** out because of the weather.
 - She **pretended not to see** me as she passed me on the street.
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- I **pretended to be reading**. (= I pretended that I was reading)
 - You **seem to have lost** weight. (= it seems that you have lost weight)
 - He **appears to be doing** a good job. (= it appears that he is doing a good job)

Complete each sentence with an appropriate verb.

Example: Don't forget *to mail*..... the letter I gave you.

1. Tom refused me any money.
2. Jill has decided not a car.
3. The thief got into the house because I forgot the window.
4. There was a lot of traffic but we managed to the airport in time.
5. One day I'd like to learn an airplane.
6. I shouted to him. He pretended not me, but I'm sure he did.
7. Why hasn't Sue arrived yet? She promised not late.
8. Our neighbor threatened the police if we didn't stop making noise.
9. Ann offered care of our children while we were out.
10. The teacher was very strict. Nobody dared during his class.
11. I don't need to the meeting, do I?
12. Oh no! I meant some eggs, but I forgot.

Preposition + -ing

Are you interested
I'm not very good
I'm fed up
The children are excited
What are the advantages
This knife is only
John went to work
I bought a new bicycle

in
at
with
about
of
for
in spite of
instead of

working
learning
studying.
going
having
cutting
feeling
going

for us?
languages.

on vacation.
a car?
bread.
sick. (See Unit 104.)
away on vacation.

Verb + preposition + -ing

Has Tom succeeded	in	finding a job yet?
I don't feel	like	going out tonight.
Are you thinking	of/about	buying a house?
I've always dreamed	of	being rich.
She doesn't approve	of	smoking.
I'm looking forward	to	meeting her.
She insisted	on	buying me a cup of coffee.
We decided	against	moving to California.
He apologized	for	keeping me waiting.

Write the correct preposition and put the verb into the correct form. Use the verb in parentheses (. . .) at the end of each sentence.

Example: Jack insisted ..*on going*..... out by himself. (go)

1. After a long time we eventually succeeded an apartment. (find)
2. I've been thinking for a new job. (look)
3. His parents didn't approve his out so late. (stay)
4. I wonder what prevented him to the party. (come)
5. I'm getting hungry. I'm looking forward dinner. (have)
6. I don't feel today. (study)
7. Forgive me you, but I must ask you a question. (interrupt)
8. The arrested man was suspected into a house. (break)
9. Have you ever thought married? (get)
10. I've always dreamed on a small island in the Pacific. (live)
11. The cold water didn't stop her for a swim. (go)
12. Have you ever been accused a crime? (commit)
13. She apologized so rude to me. (be)
14. We have decided a new car because we can't afford one. (buy)

Expressions + -ing

- It's no use **worrying** about it. There's nothing you can do.
- It's no use **trying** to persuade me. You won't succeed.
- There's no point in **buying** a car if you don't want to drive it.
- There was no point in **waiting**, so we went.
- My house is only a short walk from here. It's not worth **taking** a taxi.
- It was so late when we got home, it wasn't worth **going** to bed.
- I had **difficulty finding** a place to live. (*not to find*)
- Did you have any **trouble getting** a visa?
- People often have great **difficulty reading** my writing.
- I spent hours **trying** to repair the clock.
- I waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

go shopping

go swimming

go skiing

go fishing

go climbing

go sailing

go riding

go sightseeing

Verb + object + infinitive

verb + infinitive

I asked to see the manager.

We expected to be late.

He would like to come.

verb + object + infinitive

I asked Tom to help me.

We expected him to be late.

He would like me to come.

Be especially careful with **want**. Do not say “want that . . .”:

- Everyone **wanted him to win** the race. (*not* wanted that he won)
- Do you **want me to come** early? (*not* want that I come)

Make and let

- Hot weather **makes me feel** uncomfortable. (= causes me to feel)
- I only did it because they **made me do it**. (= forced me to do it)
- She wouldn't **let me read** the letter. (= allow me to read)

1. Tom's parents were disappointed when he decided to leave home.
they / want / Tom / stay with them
2. Please don't tell anyone that I'm leaving my job.
I / not / want / anyone / know
3. There's a football game next Saturday between Army and Navy.
you / want / Navy / win?
4. Unfortunately someone had told Sue that I was going to visit her.
I / want / it / be a surprise

Complete these sentences so that they refer to other people.

- 1 I don't want to speak to the manager. I want ... *you to speak to him* ...
- 2 She doesn't expect to pay. She expects
- 3 I don't want to write to them. I'd like
- 4 I don't want anyone to know about it. I'd hate
- 5 You won't listen to me. How many times do I have to ask
- 6 I can't do the job myself. I need
- 7 We can't move it. Perhaps you can help

Complete these sentences using an object + *to*-infinitive after the verbs.

- 1 Take out a loan. My bank manager advised *me to take out a loan*.....
- 2 She didn't peel the potatoes. You didn't tell
- 3 We work hard. Our teacher taught
- 4 The soldiers fired. The officer ordered
- 5 You can apply for free travel. This certificate entitles
- 6 The public should not approach this man. The police have warned
- 7 My wife and I play tennis. My boss invited

The '-ing' form

IT TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY!

The art of (*cook*)¹.....*cooking*..... requires the use of garlic. Of course, the (*eat*)²..... of garlic is not generally approved of. (*Work*)³..... beside someone who has eaten garlic is as bad as (*sit*)⁴..... beside someone who smokes. But while (*smoke*)⁵..... is definitely bad for you, there is no doubt that (*eat*)⁶..... garlic is good for the health. We are likely to see more 'No (*smoke*)⁷..... signs, but we won't see any 'No (*breathe*)⁸..... signs for garlic eaters! (*Cultivate*)⁹..... and (*export*)¹⁰..... garlic has become big business now that so many people use it for (*flavour*)¹¹..... meat and (*add*)¹²..... to different dishes. People often buy it when they do the (*shop*)¹³..... . You don't have to deny (*use*)¹⁴..... it or (*have/eat*)¹⁵..... it. (*Be*)¹⁶..... a garlic eater is something to be proud of and shows you enjoy good (*live*)¹⁷..... . The story of garlic is a breathtaking success!

Verb + the '-ing' form

Match A and B.

A

- 1 It's difficult to keep them £
- 2 I think that's enough to start her ___
- 3 I could smell smoke ___
- 4 The police caught him ___
- 5 The searchers found the boy ___
- 6 They left us ___
- 7 Will you please stop ___
- 8 I can hear someone ___

- a) sheltering in the barn.
- b) coming from the forest.
- c) worrying again.
- d) opening the safe.
- e) thinking about the problem.
- f) working all the time.
- g) shouting in the distance.
- h) changing TV channels.

Verb + ~~to~~ or '-ing': different meanings

*Remember to post my letter.
You mustn't forget to ask.
I regret to say I feel ill.*

*I remember posting your letter.
Have you forgotten meeting me years ago?
I regret saying what I said.*

*We stopped to buy a paper.
Stop shouting.*

*We went on to discuss finance.
Go on talking.*