

# **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	<b>in</b> <b>at</b> <b>with</b> <b>about</b> <b>of</b> <b>for</b> <b>in spite of</b> <b>instead of</b>	<b>working</b> <b>learning</b> <b>studying.</b> <b>going</b> <b>having</b> <b>cutting</b> <b>feeling</b> <b>going</b>	for us? languages.  on vacation. a car? bread. sick. (See Unit 104.) away on vacation.
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# Verb + preposition + -ing

Has Tom succeeded	<b>in</b>	finding a job yet?
I don't feel	<b>like</b>	going out tonight.
Are you thinking	<b>of/about</b>	buying a house?
I've always dreamed	<b>of</b>	being rich.
She doesn't approve	<b>of</b>	smoking.
I'm looking forward	<b>to</b>	meeting her.
She insisted	<b>on</b>	buying me a cup of coffee.
We decided	<b>against</b>	moving to California.
He apologized	<b>for</b>	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*)<sup>1</sup>.....*cooking*..... requires the use of garlic. Of course, the (*eat*)<sup>2</sup>..... of garlic is not generally approved of. (*Work*)<sup>3</sup>..... beside someone who has eaten garlic is as bad as (*sit*)<sup>4</sup>..... beside someone who smokes. But while (*smoke*)<sup>5</sup>..... is definitely bad for you, there is no doubt that (*eat*)<sup>6</sup>..... garlic is good for the health. We are likely to see more 'No (*smoke*)<sup>7</sup>..... signs, but we won't see any 'No (*breathe*)<sup>8</sup>..... signs for garlic eaters! (*Cultivate*)<sup>9</sup>..... and (*export*)<sup>10</sup>..... garlic has become big business now that so many people use it for (*flavour*)<sup>11</sup>..... meat and (*add*)<sup>12</sup>..... to different dishes. People often buy it when they do the (*shop*)<sup>13</sup>..... . You don't have to deny (*use*)<sup>14</sup>..... it or (*have/eat*)<sup>15</sup>..... it. (*Be*)<sup>16</sup>..... a garlic eater is something to be proud of and shows you enjoy good (*live*)<sup>17</sup>..... . 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.*