

Gerunds and Infinitives

Verbs followed by a gerund or infinitive with a change in meaning:

forget	I forgot to meet him. (I didn't meet him because I forgot to do it.)
	I forgot meeting him. (I don't have the memory of meeting him before.)
go on	He went on to learn English and French. (He ended one period of time before this.)
	He went on learning English and French. (He continued learning the languages.)
quit	She quit to work here. (She quit another job in order to work here.)
	She quit working here. (She quit her job here. She doesn't work here anymore.)
regret	I regret promising to help you. (I'm sorry that I made the promise.)
	I regret to tell you that we can't hire you. (I'm telling you now, and I'm sorry.)
remember	She remembered to visit her grandmother. (She didn't forget to visit.)
	She remembered visiting her grandmother. (She had memories of this time.)
stop	I stopped to call you. (I interrupted another action in order to call you.)
	I stopped calling you. (I stopped this activity. Maybe we had a fight.)
try	I tried to open the window. (I attempted this action but didn't succeed.)
	I tried opening the window. (This was one option I sampled. Maybe the room was hot.)

Match the sentence to the correct meaning.

1. I forgot to meet him. ★ I forgot meeting him. ★ (I don't have the memory of meeting him before.) (I didn't meet him because I forgot to do it.)	2. He went on to learn English and French. ★ He went on learning English and French. ★ (He ended one period of time before this.) (He continued learning the languages.)
3. She quit to work here. ★ She quit working here. ★ (She quit her job here. She doesn't work here anymore.) (She quit another job in order to work here.)	4. I regret promising to help you. I regret to tell you that we can't hire you. (I'm sorry that I made the promise.) (I'm telling you now, and I'm sorry.)
5. She remembered to visit her grandmother.	6. She remembered visiting her grandmother.
7. I stopped to call you.	8. I stopped calling you.