

Gerunds and Infinitives

There are some verbs that can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive and the meaning does **not** change:

BEGIN
CAN'T BEAR
CAN'T STAND
CONTINUE
HATE

LIKE
LOVE
PREFER
PROPOSE
START

Example: Sean **began working** at the hospital in 2017. «--- Gerund

Sean **began to work** at the hospital in 2017. «----Infinitive

Each sentence has the same meaning: In 2017, Sean started working at the hospital.

SPEAKING

Instructions: Look at the pictures below and make a sentence using the infinitive and a gerund.



begin
experience
side effects
last week



can't bear
have
arthritis
in my hands



can't stand
have
pneumonia



continue
take
your insulin



hate
go to
the hospital



like
take care of
my health



love
stretch
my body
in the morning



prefer
eat
a big breakfast



Health officials
propose
vaccinate
seniors
first



start
work
9:00am
everyday

WRITING

Instructions: Look at the pictures below and write a sentence using the infinitive and a gerund.

				
begin experience side effects last week	can't bear have arthritis in my hands	can't stand have pneumonia	prefer eat a big breakfast	hate go to the hospital

Infinitive

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Gerund

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WRITING

First, answer the questions below using the infinitive. Then, answer using a gerund.

1. What are three exercises or sports you **like**? E.g. I like to swim. / I like swimming.

Infinitive:

Gerund:

2. What are three things you **hate** eating?

Infinitive:

Gerund:

3. What do you **prefer**, going to your family doctor or a walk-in clinic?

Infinitive:

Gerund:

4. What is something that you are going to **continue** through the summer?

Infinitive:

Gerund:

5. When **did** you **start** learning English? «- past tense

Infinitive:

Gerund: