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1 Read and complete the table.

taking	to change	changing	take	chatting	to

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The **infinitive** form of a verb is formed with to and the base verb: **to text**.

The **gerund** is the same as the **–ing** form (or present participle): **texting**.

Some **verbs (love, like, hate, prefer, start, begin)** can be followed by a **gerund** or an **infinitive** without a change in meaning:

I love **to text/texting** my friends. But with other verbs (**forget, remember, stop, try**), the meaning changes:

I stopped **to text** my friend Jo. (I was doing something and I stopped and sent a text to Jo.)

I stopped **texting** my friend Jo. (I don't text my friend Jo anymore.)

No Change in Meaning	I hate to _____ selfies. = I hate _____ selfies. Let's start _____ chat online. = Let's start _____ online.
Change in Meaning	I always remember _____ my password. (I do it often.) I remember _____ my password last week. (I did it last week.)

2 Match the sentence halves.



I've stopped texting Jane because	he hasn't replied.
I stopped to text Mom while	I'm not sure he has Internet access.
Please remember to like my post	she never replies!
I remember liking your post	I was walking home.
I've been trying to contact Jim, but	from my vacation.
I'll try contacting him by email, but	when you see it.
I forgot to post the selfies	as soon as it appeared.
I'll never forget	posting my first selfie.

3 Read and choose the correct options.

1. I often forget _____ from social media.
2. I have to stop _____ so much time online.
3. I will always remember _____ my best friend for the first time.
4. I try not _____ anyone else. I want to be unique!
5. If you get unwanted messages, try _____ your privacy settings.
6. I got tired doing my homework, so I stopped _____ some tea.

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