

# Gerund or Infinitive?

Some verbs are always followed by a **gerund** (admit, avoid, quit...)

Other verbs are always followed by an **infinitive** (want, allow, expect...)

There are verbs that can be followed either by a gerund or an infinitive **WITHOUT CHANGE IN MEANING**:

**Begin - start - continue - like - love - prefer - hate - can't stand - can't bear**

Example: "It **began to rain/raining** as soon as we left"

Other verbs can be followed either by a gerund or an infinitive **WITH CHANGE IN MEANING**:

**Remember/forget + infinitive** (a task, duty, responsibility)

\* "Don't forget **to lock** the door"

**Remember/forget + gerund** (recall something from the past)

\* "I remember **meeting** Steve Jobs when I was 16"

**Regret + infinitive** (to tell, inform of bad news...)

\* "I regret **to tell** you that your flight has been cancelled"

**Regret + gerund** (regret a past event)

\* "I'll always regret **not accepting** that job"

**Stop + infinitive** (stop an action to do something else)

\* "I stopped the car **to use** the mobile phone"

**Stop + gerund** (not longer doing something)

\* "She stopped **talking** to me when she knew I had been given her former job."



## PRACTICE



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\* 1. I forgot \_\_\_\_\_ an important fax yesterday.

o

\* 2. I'll never forget \_\_\_\_\_ the Pyramids in Egypt.

m

\* 3. I thanked John for \_\_\_\_\_ me his history book.

p

\* 4. I regret \_\_\_\_\_ to my father when he told me not to take that part-time job.

i

\* 5. It continues \_\_\_\_\_. We should take an umbrella.

e

\* 6. These words are easy \_\_\_\_\_

t

\* 7. I appreciated \_\_\_\_\_ a letter from my host family.

a

\* 8. The teacher won't tolerate \_\_\_\_\_ during the test.

\* 9. I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ those jeans.

\* 10. The judge ordered me \_\_\_\_\_ a small fine.

\* 11. Joe volunteered \_\_\_\_\_ with the cooking.

\* 12. I'll miss \_\_\_\_\_ with my friends when I go to London.

f

\* 1. I'll always regret...

i

\* 2. I'll never forget...

n

\* 3. Peter, don't forget...

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\* 4. I didn't remember...

s

\* 5. I advised John...

h

\* 6. My father didn't allow me ...

\* 7. I won't tolerate...

\* 8. It's easy ...

\* 9. My ideal holidays consist of....

\* 10. The shoplifter admitted...

\* 11. I regret ...

\* 12. Anne, remember ...

\* 13. I don't want...

\* 14. We all miss ...

\* 15. The roast beef was so tasty that I couldn't help...

\* 16. Rose suggested ...

\* 17. Have you continued...

\* 18. It began...

**REMEMBER - NOT LISTEN - LEND - RAIN - SEND - VISIT HELP - BUY - RECEIVE - BE - PAY - CHEAT**

