

Verbs followed by gerund or infinitive

admit *
advise
afford
agree *
appear
arrange
ask
avoid
Can't stand
choose
consider
decide *
demand
deny *
deserve
dislike
don't mind
enjoy
expect *
fail
fancy
(fancy-) feel like
finish
give up
keep
help
hope *
invite
imagine *
learn *
manage
mean
miss
offer
plan
practice
pretend *
promise *
recommend
refuse
reject
risk
seem *
stop
suggest *
tend
try
wait
want
would like

-ing
to

General Rule

Gerunds

-ing

Used when actions are:
real, concrete or completed

Infinitives

to

Used when actions are:
unreal, abstract or future

Complete these sentences below with the right form of the verbs in brackets:
gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to). Then complete the list on the left.

(* means that this verb can also be followed by a **that clause**)

- 1) Learning a foreign language means _____ (be) interested in another culture.
- 2) My friend is giving up _____ (smoke) at last.
- 3) Bob is very skilful. He has managed _____ (fix) his laptop himself.
- 4) Doctors recommend _____ (sleep) eight hours a day.
- 5) Reliable friends are always there for you. They will never fail _____ (help) to you.
- 6) I don't mind _____ (do) the washing up.
- 7) Mum, can I go out? I've already finished _____ (study).
- 8) Tina hopes _____ (become) a prestigious engineer one day.
- 9) Jerry is very angry. I've phoned him five times but he refuses _____ (speak) to me.
- 10) The suspect arrested by the police denied _____ (rob) the bank. He said he had an alibi.
- 11) He admitted _____ (make) a serious mistake and apologised.
- 12) I can't stand _____ (wear) these awful glasses!
- 13) The teacher agreed _____ (postpone) the exam.
- 14) Peter pretended _____ (have) a stomach ache and left school early.
- 15) Will promised his mum _____ (be) back at 11.
- 16) Few people can afford _____ (buy) the trendiest smartphone.
- 17) Fred chose _____ (work) on Saturday instead of on Friday.
- 18) Angelina imagined _____ (get) an Oscar for her last movie.
- 19) We've planned _____ (fly) to Denmark this Christmas.
- 20) Tom suggested _____ (spend) a couple of weeks on Majorca.
- 21) Amanda rejected _____ (eat) the soup because it was salty.
- 22) People shouldn't risk _____ (ride) a motorbike without wearing a helmet.
- 23) I really miss _____ (chat) with you every day.
- 24) Mum asked me _____ (lay) the table.
- 25) Mr. Johnson tends _____ (lie) about his age. He's so flirty!
- 26) You should avoid _____ (shout). It's too late!
- 27) He kept _____ (talk) for hours.
- 28) Do you fancy _____ (dance)?
- 29) If you try _____ (work) a bit harder, I'm sure you'll pass.
- 30) He will arrange _____ (book) a room at the best hotel.
- 31) He seems _____ (be) worried.

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