

# What's the correct form?

## Gerund

|        |          |       |       |         |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|---------|
| stop   | postpone | admit | avoid | imagine |
| finish | consider | deny  | risk  | fancy   |

- ☐ Suddenly everybody **stopped talking**. There was silence.
- ☐ I'll do the shopping when I've **finished cleaning** the flat.
- ☐ He tried to **avoid answering** my question.
- ☐ I don't **fancy going** out this evening. (= I'm not enthusiastic about it)



## Infinitive

|        |         |        |         |          |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| offer  | decide  | hope   | deserve | promise  |
| agree  | plan    | manage | afford  | threaten |
| refuse | arrange | fail   | forget  | learn    |

After these verbs you can use **to ... (infinitive)**:

- ☐ It was late, so we **decided to take** a taxi home.
- ☐ Simon was in a difficult situation, so I **agreed to help** him.
- ☐ How old were you when you **learnt to drive**? (or learnt **how to drive**)
- ☐ I waved to Karen, but **failed to attract** her attention.

**Try it! Choose the correct verb according to the previous information.**

## Activity

|        |        |        |         |            |         |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|---------|
| to use | to get | to say | to lock | to tell    | to live |
| using  | being  | paying | losing  | forgetting | trying  |

- Don't forget **to lock** the door when you go out.
- There was a lot of traffic, but we managed \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport in time.
- We couldn't afford \_\_\_\_\_ in London. It's too expensive.
- We've got new computer software in our office. I haven't learnt \_\_\_\_\_ it yet.
- Mark doesn't know what happened. I decided not \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- We were all afraid to speak. Nobody dared \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- I don't mind you \_\_\_\_\_ my phone, but please ask me first.
- My memory is getting worse. I keep \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- I've put off \_\_\_\_\_ this bill so many times. I really must do it today.
- What a stupid thing to do! Can you imagine anybody \_\_\_\_\_ so stupid?
- I've given up \_\_\_\_\_ to lose weight – it's impossible.
- If you gamble, you risk \_\_\_\_\_ your money.

