

Gerunds and to-infinitives

Remember!

We use gerunds (*verb + -ing*):

- after verbs such as *avoid*, *enjoy*, and *finish*.

Example: I enjoy cooking.

- as subjects of sentences.

Example: Learning English is fun.

We use *to*-infinitives (*to + verb*):

- after verbs such as *want*, *decide*, and *allow*.

Example: My parents don't allow me to use a smartphone.

- after adjectives to give opinions, starting with *It's ...*

Example: It's fun to learn English.

- as subjects of sentences.

Example: To learn English is fun.

Note: Some verbs, such as *like*, *love*, and *hate* can be followed by either gerunds or *to*-infinitives.

Example: I like playing / to play computer games.