

GERUNDS

The Gerund Form of Verbs

Usage



Examples



As subject of a sentence

- **Writing** in English is difficult.
- **Watching** TV is my favorite pastime.

As direct object of a sentence

- I like **writing** in English.
- I love **going** out to restaurants.

As a subject complement

- My cat's favorite activity is **sleeping**.
- One of his duties is **doing** homework.

As an object of a preposition

- We shall be interested in **hearing** your comments.
- Would you like to walk instead of **taking** the bus?

After certain expressions

- My cat's favorite activity is **sleeping**.
- One of his duties is **doing** homework.



A SHORT SUMMARY FOR GERUNDS & INFINITIVES

VERBS + INFINITIVE

Verbs Followed by an Infinitive

She agreed to speak before the game.

agree	forget	prefer
aim	get	proceed
appear	happen	promise
arrange	have	propose
ask	hesitate	refuse
attempt	hope	remember
be able	hurry	say
begin	intend	start
choose	leave	stop
continue	like	swear
dare	love	threaten
decide	mean	try
deserve	neglect	use
dislike	offer	wait
expect	ought	want
fail	plan	wish

VERBS + GERUND

Verbs Followed by a Gerund

They enjoyed working on the boat.

admit	finish	resist
advise	forbid	resume
appreciate	get	risk
avoid	have	spend
can't help	imagine	(time)
complete	mind	suggest
consider	miss	tolerate
delay	permit	waste
deny	postpone	(time)
detest	practice	
dislike	quit	
enjoy	recall	
escape	report	
excuse	resent	

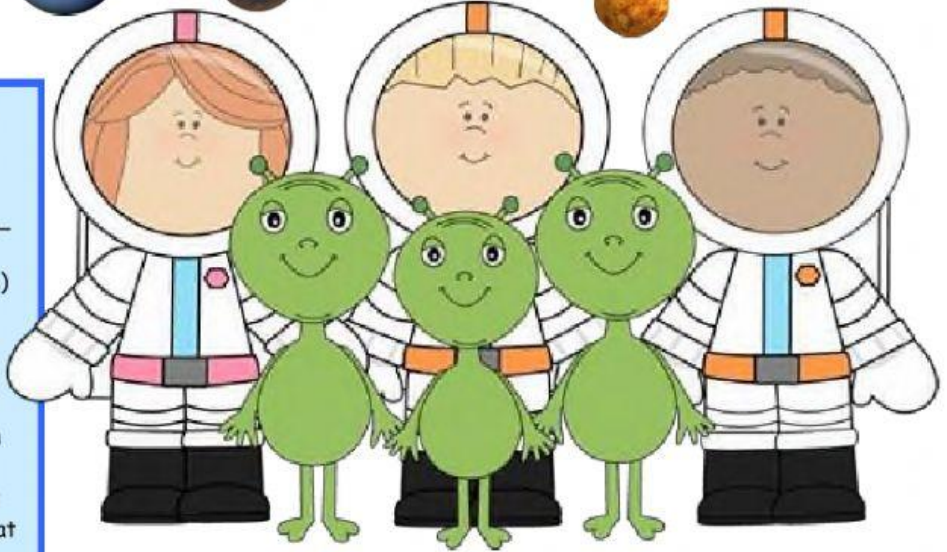
Where are the astronauts headed?



1. Complete the sentence with the infinitive or the gerund

- The astronauts managed _____ (complete) their training in record time.
- They learned how _____ (survive) in space without gravity.
- The best astronaut almost quit _____ (try) to learn the complex information.
- Their mission appeared _____ (be) in jeopardy.
- Then Marina encouraged him by saying, "It's no good _____ (quit) the project right at the end."
- Being an astronaut will enable you _____ (achieve) great success in life.
- If you give up _____ (study) now, our mission will be scrubbed.
- Think of your fellow astronauts who wouldn't hesitate _____ (help) you in time of trouble.

Infinitives _____



2. Put the verb in the infinitive or the gerund

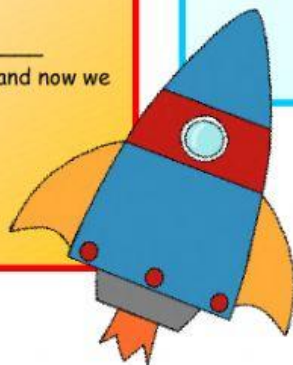
- We astronauts must keep on _____ (prepare) for our space launch.
- Some say it's no use _____ (travel) to distant planets, because it takes too long.
- But we really want _____ (visit) other planets and find out if life exists on them.
- Can you imagine _____ (walk) up to a Martian and shaking hands and _____ (say), "Hello, how are you?"
- We really look forward to _____ (meet) alien creatures and _____ (find) out what they are really like.
- Many scientists have warned us not _____ (take) this dangerous journey, but we are not discouraged.
- Traveling to far away planets involves _____ (risk) our lives for the thrill of discovery.
- However we won't delay _____ (blast) off into space.
- Would you agree _____ (accompany) us on our journey if you could?
- During our training we have got used to _____ (be) weightless and _____ (live) under difficult conditions.

Infinitives _____

3. Put the verb in the gerund or the infinitive

- Scientists admit to _____ (be) intensely curious about life on other planets.
- I'm sure they would also enjoy _____ (travel) with our crew.
- We told them _____ (come) with us on our trip, but some of them think it is a waste of time _____ (search) for life that doesn't exist.
- We have been taught how _____ (endure) hardship during our training and now we can't afford _____ (waste) NASA's money by chickening out. We're on our way!

Infinitives _____



Which planet are the astronauts heading to first? Add up the infinitives.

Neptune 10
Mars 18

Venus 9
Jupiter 11