

Gerunds and Infinitives

Verbs followed by a gerund or infinitive with a change in meaning:

forget	I forgot to meet him. <i>(I didn't meet him because I forgot to do it.)</i>
	I forgot meeting him. <i>(I don't have the memory of meeting him before.)</i>
go on	He went on to learn English and French. <i>(He ended one period of time before this.)</i>
	He went on learning English and French. <i>(He continued learning the languages.)</i>
quit	She quit to work here. <i>(She quit another job in order to work here.)</i>
	She quit working here. <i>(She quit her job here. She doesn't work here anymore.)</i>
regret	I regret promising to help you. <i>(I'm sorry that I made the promise.)</i>
	I regret to tell you that we can't hire you. <i>(I'm telling you now, and I'm sorry.)</i>
remember	She remembered to visit her grandmother. <i>(She didn't forget to visit.)</i>
	She remembered visiting her grandmother. <i>(She had memories of this time.)</i>
stop	I stopped to call you. <i>(I interrupted another action in order to call you.)</i>
	I stopped calling you. <i>(I stopped this activity. Maybe we had a fight.)</i>
try	I tried to open the window. <i>(I attempted this action but didn't succeed.)</i>
	I tried opening the window. <i>(This was one option I sampled. Maybe the room was hot.)</i>

Match the sentence to the correct meaning.

<p>1.</p> <p>I forgot to meet him.</p> <p>★</p> <p>I forgot meeting him.</p> <p>★</p> <p>(I don't have the memory of meeting him before.) (I didn't meet him because I forgot to do it.)</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>He went on to learn English and French.</p> <p>★</p> <p>He went on learning English and French.</p> <p>★</p> <p>(He ended one period of time before this.) (He continued learning the languages.)</p>
<p>3.</p> <p>She quit to work here.</p> <p>★</p> <p>She quit working here.</p> <p>★</p> <p>(She quit her job here. She doesn't work here anymore.) (She quit another job in order to work here.)</p>	<p>4.</p> <p>I regret promising to help you.</p> <p>I regret to tell you that we can't hire you.</p> <p>(I'm sorry that I made the promise.) (I'm telling you now, and I'm sorry.)</p>
<p>5. She remembered to visit her grandmother.</p>	<p>6. She remembered visiting her grandmother.</p>
<p>7. I stopped to call you.</p>	<p>8. I stopped calling you.</p>