# 4 ESO USE OF ENGLISH: The Gerund and The Infinitive

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| **GERUND** | **As a noun (subject):** | | **Reading** helps you learn English<br>Her favourite hobby is ……<br>…… isn't really healthy |
| | **After prepositions or some adverbs:**<br>(in, of, with, on, at, after, before, …) | | Sandy is scared of **flying**<br>I'm bored with ……<br>We are all interested in ……<br>After ……, we felt better<br>Before ……, please tell me |
| | **After some verbs:**<br>Admit<br>Avoid<br>Can't help<br>Continue<br>Delay<br>Enjoy<br>Finish<br>Hate / love<br>Imagine<br>Keep | Like / dislike<br>Mind<br>Miss<br>Practice<br>Quit<br>Prefer<br>Recall<br>Recommend<br>Risk<br>Start / begin<br>Spend (time)<br>Suggest<br>Waste (time) | She admitted **cheating** on the test.<br>He avoided …… to her.<br>She can't help …… so loudly.<br>They suggested …… at the hotel.<br>I really hate ……<br>Can you imagine ……?<br>Would you mind …… the window? It's cold<br>I quite enjoyed …… him<br>Dory said to Nemo's father: Keep…… |
| | **Continuous tenses** | | He's been **looking** for you<br>We were **considering** your idea |



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| **INFINITIVE** | **After an adjective:**<br>Difficult to<br>Easy to<br>Glad to<br>Prepared to<br>Sorry to | Shocked to<br>Hard to<br>Pleased to<br>Sad to<br>Excited to<br>Determined to<br>Eager to | We are happy to see you here<br>It was very ..... say goodbye<br>He's ..... learn<br>I was so ..... see them!<br>Do not worry. It's ..... understand |
| | **After some nouns:**<br>Advice to<br>Chance to<br>Decision to<br>Desire to<br>Motivation to<br>Need to<br>Permission to<br>Plan to | Proposal to<br>Recommendation to<br>Refusal to<br>Request to<br>Suggestion to<br>Tendency to<br>Wish to<br>Way to | The opportunity to live in New York was great!<br>The ..... to increase taxes was not popular<br>There is no ..... to be rude<br>You will have the ..... to improve there<br>His ..... to continue was good<br>Their ..... to help was criticized<br>Her ..... to enter university impressed us<br>One ..... to improve your English is reading |
| | **To express purpose or intention:** | | He locked the door to keep everyone out.<br>She crossed the street to meet me |
| | **After certain verbs:**<br>Agree to<br>Aim to<br>Arrange to<br>Be able to<br>Choose to<br>Continue to<br>Decide to<br>Expect to<br>Hate to / love to<br>Help to<br>Hope to | Learn to<br>Like to<br>Mean to<br>Need to<br>Offer to<br>Plan to<br>Promise to<br>Refuse to<br>Start to / begin to<br>Threaten to<br>Want to<br>Would like to<br>Wish to | Tom agreed to help me<br>His health appeared to be better<br>I chose to help<br>I ..... to study<br>He ..... to leave forever<br>He ..... to come<br>Please, I ..... to go with you<br>You will soon ..... to speak French<br>I finally ..... to go |



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INFINITIVE OR GERUND

**In some cases, both gerund and infinitive are possible.**

1. **Verbs followed by gerund or infinitive, making no essential difference: love, hate, prefer, start, begin, continue, like, dislike**

   I love to visit / visiting my aunt when I go to Barcelona

2. **Verbs followed by gerund or infinitive, making a difference. Look at the example:**

   • FORGET

   – I forgot to close the door ( *I didn't close it*)

   – I forgot talking with Sally in your birthday party *( I can't remember that moment, I think it never happened)*

**Look at these examples.**

**Remember**

I remember buying my first bicycle.

You must remember to buy milk tomorrow

**Forget**

I'll never forget meeting the Queen.

I forgot to buy the soap

**Stop**

She stopped talking to me

She stopped to talk to me

**Regret**

I regret leaving school at 16 – it was a big mistake.

We regret to say that we are unable to help you.

**Read and choose the correct alternative**

**In one of these sentences, he spoke to me**

a. She stopped talking to me

b. She stopped to talk to me

**In one of these sentences, I do not remember having a conversation with you**

a. I forgot to speak to you

b. I forgot speaking to you

**In one of these sentences, I didn't have a conversation with you**

a. I forgot to speak to you

b. I forgot speaking to you



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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
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| **1** | I remember……your headphones on the sofa. |
| **2** | Remember……us play live on TV tonight. |
| **3** | I forgot……to her radio show last night. |
| **4** | I'll never forget ……Bob Marley for the first time. |
| **5** | I really regret……..'no' to that free ticket! |
| **6** | We regret……you that the show is cancelled. |
| **7** | I stopped……a picture of the pop star. |
| **8** | They stopped ……..live shows when the singer got ill. |



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