Gerunds and Infinitives

There are some verbs that can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive and the meaning does **not** change:

BEGIN	LIKE
CAN`T BEAR	LOVE
CAN`T STAND	PREFER
CONTINUE	PROPOSE
HATE	START

Example: Sean **began working** at the hospital in 2017. «--- Gerund

Sean **began to work** at the hospital in 2017. «----Infinitive

Each sentence has the same meaning: **In 2017, Sean started working at the hospital.**

SPEAKING **Instructions:** Look at the pictures below and make a sentence using the infinitive and a gerund.

begin experience side effects last week	**can`t bear have arthritis in my hands**	**can`t stand have pneumonia**	**continue take your insulin**	**hate go to the hospital**

like take care of my health	**love stretch my body in the morning**	**prefer eat a big breakfast**	**Health officials propose vaccinate seniors first**	**start work 9:00am everyday**

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WRITING **Instructions:** Look at the pictures below and write a sentence using the infinitive and a gerund.

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Infinitive	**Infinitive**	**Infinitive**	**Infinitive**	**Infinitive**
Gerund	**Gerund**	**Gerund**	**Gerund**	**Gerund**

WRITING **First, answer the questions below using the infinitive. Then, answer using a gerund.**

1. What are three exercises or sports you **like**? **E.g. I like to swim. / I like swimming.**

Infinitive: **Gerund:**

2. What are three things you **hate** eating?

Infinitive: **Gerund:**

3. What do you **prefer**, going to your family doctor or a walk-in clinic?

Infinitive: **Gerund:**

4. What is something that you are going to **continue** through the summer?

Infinitive: **Gerund:**

5. When **did** you **start** learning English? «- past tense

Infinitive: **Gerund:**

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