

Verb + gerund/infinitive with a change in meaning

Reading

Oh, I remember being in this picture! That was so long ago! My mom made us try to look natural, but we couldn't do it. Oh, look at that hair! I regret having that style now. What was I thinking? And those clothes! So old fashioned! Everyone stopped wearing those years ago! What an embarrassing picture! Still, I'll never forget laughing and having fun with my family when we took it. We're all grown up now and living busy lives, but it's good to stop to think about those days sometimes. Remember to treasure every moment with your family because time goes by so fast!



Form

Complete the table with examples from the text

Verb	+ gerund	+ infinitive
Forget	(forget that you have done sth; have no memory of doing sth.) 1. _____	(forget that you need to do sth) <i>Don't forget to show him the picture</i>
Regret	(regret that you have done sth) 2. _____	(apologize for bad news) <i>We regret to inform your pictures have been deleted.</i>
Remember	(remember that you have done sth; have no memory of sth.) 3. _____	(remember that you need to do sth) 4. _____
Stop	(stop an action/habit) 5. _____	(stop in order to do sth else) 6. _____
Try	(do sth to see what result it will have) <i>Try cleaning the lens</i>	(in the past= attempt sth without success; in present/future = attempt sth you may/may not be able to do) 7. _____

Function

Write gerund or infinitive

- Not remember something you have to do: forget + _____
Not have a memory of something: forget + _____
- Feel bad about something you have to tell someone: regret + _____
Wish you hadn't done something in the past: regret + _____
- Have a memory of something: remember + _____
Not forget something you have to do: remember + _____
- Stop an action or habit: stop + _____
Stop so that you can do something else: stop + _____
- Attempt something you may or not be able to do: try + _____
Do something to see what result it will have: try + _____

Practice

Write the gerund or infinitive form of each verb.

1. Have you ever taken a picture you regretted _____ (take)? What happened?
2. Do you remember ever _____ (have) a family picture taken? Who was there? How did you feel?
3. Do you agree with the writer that we should stop _____ (think) about our family history sometimes? Do you ever do that?
4. Do you ever try _____ (avoid) having your picture taken? When? Why?

Now you do it

Answer the last questions. Tell a story, use as many verbs as you can: forget, regret, remember, stop, try.

Grammar Practice

Rewrite the sentences with the same meaning, using either verb + gerund or verb + infinitive.

1. I always leave my keys when I leave work (forget).
2. John wishes he hadn't spent so much money (regret).
3. Ariel wants to ride a motorcycle (try).
4. Greg has given up eating meat (stop).
5. I have no memory of saying those terrible things (remember).