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## Use of Gerunds and Infinitives

### Use the gerund (verb + ing) after prepositions:

I am very good **at remembering** names and faces.

1. She had her lunch **after**  all her work. (finish)

2. They are very excited **about**  to another country. (move)

3. He is afraid **of**  his job. (lose)

4. I am tired **of**  you to put your clothes away. (tell)



### Use the gerund (verb + ing) after phrasal verbs:

She has **given up smoking**.



1. If you **carry on**  out late at night, you will lose your job. (stay)

2. Do you think the thief will **admit to**  all the money? (steal)



3. I don't want my child to **grow up**  bad habits. (develop)

4. I don't **approve of**  people badly. (treat)

### Use the gerund (verb + ing) after certain verbs: mind, love, hate, like, enjoy, practise, stop, suggest

Do you **mind getting** up early tomorrow?



1. Do you **suggest**  him as a solution to the problem? (fire)

2. I wish you would **stop**  so much noise. (make)

3. I **enjoy**  a good action movie. (watch)

4. You must **practise**  your lines before you go out to play. (learn)

### Use the infinitive (+ to) after adjectives:

My house is very **easy to find**.



1. It is not very **polite**  to your teacher like that! (speak)

2. We are **happy**  the engagement of our daughter. (announce)

3. This coffee is too **hot**  at the moment. (drink)

4. It is very **important**  before you write exams. (study)

Use the infinitive (+ to) after certain verbs: agree, forget, remember, decide, expect, help, hope, learn, need, offer, plan, pretend, offer, refuse, seem, try, want

Please **try to finish** your work on time.

1. I **hope**  my grandmother on her birthday. (visit)
2. I must **learn**  before I go overseas. (drive)
3. The results **seem**  your theory (support)
4. We **planned**  after work. (meet)



These common verbs can take either the gerund or infinitive with no difference in meaning: begin, continue, prefer, start.

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Choose one verb from these common verbs that can take either the gerund or infinitive and write a sentence with it.

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