

Gerund or Infinitive?

Some verbs are always followed by a **gerund** (admit, avoid, quit...)

Other verbs are always followed by an **infinitive** (want, allow, expect...)

There are verbs that can be followed either by a gerund or an infinitive **WITHOUT** CHANGE IN MEANING:

Begin - start - continue - like - love - prefer - hate - can't stand - can't bear

Example: "It **began** to rain/raining as soon as we left"

Other verbs can be followed either by a gerund or an infinitive **WITH** CHANGE IN MEANING:

Remember/forget + infinitive (a task, duty, responsibility)

* "Don't forget to lock the door"

Remember/forget + gerund (recall something from the past)

* "I remember meeting Steve Jobs when I was 16"

Regret + infinitive (to tell, inform of bad news...)

* "I regret to tell you that your flight has been cancelled"

Regret + gerund (regret a past event)

* "I'll always regret not accepting that job"

Stop + infinitive (stop an action to do something else)

* "I stopped the car to use the mobile phone"

Stop + gerund (not longer doing something)

* "She stopped talking to me when she knew I had been given her former job."



PRACTICE



- e** * 1. I forgot _____ an important fax yesterday.
- o** * 2. I'll never forget _____ the Pyramids in Egypt.
- m** * 3. I thanked John for _____ me his history book.
- p** * 4. I regret _____ to my father when he told me not to take that part-time job.
- i** * 5. It continues _____. We should take an umbrella.
- e** * 6. These words are easy _____
- t** * 7. I appreciated _____ a letter from my host family.
- e** * 8. The teacher won't tolerate _____ during the test.
- * 9. I can't afford _____ those jeans.
- * 10. The judge ordered me _____ a small fine.
- * 11. Joe volunteered _____ with the cooking.
- * 12. I'll miss _____ with my friends when I go to London.

- f** * 1. I'll always regret...
- i** * 2. I'll never forget...
- n** * 3. Peter, don't forget...
- i** * 4. I didn't remember...
- i** * 5. I advised John...
- s** * 6. My father didn't allow me ...
- h** * 7. I won't tolerate...
- * 8. It's easy ...
- * 9. My ideal holidays consist of....
- * 10. The shoplifter admitted...
- * 11. I regret ...
- * 12. Anne, remember ...
- * 13. I don't want...
- * 14. We all miss ...
- * 15. The roast beef was so tasty that I couldn't help...
- * 16. Rose suggested ...
- * 17. Have you continued...
- * 18. It began...

**REMEMBER - NOT LISTEN - LEND - RAIN - SEND - VISIT
HELP - BUY - RECEIVE - BE - PAY - CHEAT**

