

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

<p>* 1. I forgot _____ an important fax yesterday.</p> <p>* 2. I'll never forget _____ the Pyramids in Egypt.</p> <p>* 3. I thanked John for _____ me his history book.</p> <p>* 4. I regret _____ to my father when he told me not to take that part-time job.</p> <p>* 5. It continues _____. We should take an umbrella.</p> <p>* 6. These words are easy _____. </p> <p>* 7. I appreciated _____ a letter from my host family.</p> <p>* 8. The teacher won't tolerate _____ during the test.</p> <p>* 9. I can't afford _____ those jeans.</p> <p>* 10. The judge ordered me _____ a small fine.</p> <p>* 11. Joe volunteered _____ with the cooking.</p> <p>* 12. I'll miss _____ with my friends when I go to London.</p>	<p>f * 1. I'll always regret...</p> <p>i * 2. I'll never forget...</p> <p>n * 3. Peter, don't forget...</p> <p>t * 4. I didn't remember...</p> <p>u * 5. I advised John...</p> <p>o * 6. My father didn't allow me ...</p> <p>e * 7. I won't tolerate...</p> <p>h * 8. It's easy ...</p> <p>o * 9. My ideal holidays consist of....</p> <p>u * 10. The shoplifter admitted...</p> <p>r * 11. I regret ...</p> <p>u * 12. Anne, remember ...</p> <p>u * 13. I don't want...</p> <p>u * 14. We all miss ...</p> <p>u * 15. The roast beef was so tasty that I couldn't help...</p> <p>u * 16. Rose suggested ...</p> <p>u * 17. Have you continued...</p> <p>u * 18. It began...</p>
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REMEMBER – NOT LISTEN –
LEND – RAIN – SEND – VISIT
HELP – BUY – RECEIVE – BE –
PAY – CHEAT

