

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



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

