

# 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.
- t** \* 9. I can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ those jeans.
- e** \* 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...
- i** \* 3. Peter, don't forget...
- n** \* 4. I didn't remember...
- i** \* 5. I advised John...
- i** \* 6. My father didn't allow me ...
- s** \* 7. I won't tolerate...
- h** \* 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**

