

Infinitive or Gerund?

Words followed by infinitives: afford, agree, aim, appear, attempt, arrange, choose, claim, consent, dare, decide, demand, deserve, expect, fail, forget, hesitate, hope, intend, learn, manage, mean, neglect, need, offer, plan, prepare, pretend, proceed, promise, refuse, remember, seem, struggle, swear, threaten, volunteer, wait, want, wish

1. I can't **afford** (go) overseas at the moment.
2. They **plan** (visit) their grandfather next week.
3. Please don't **forget** (lock) the door when you leave the house.
4. I **hesitate** (say) he is a bad person, but there is room for improvement!
5. She **promised** (confirm) my appointment today.
6. If you **fail** (plan), you **plan** (fail)

Words followed by gerunds: admit, anticipate, avoid, can't wait, can't stand, carry on, complete, deny, discuss, dislike, don't mind, enjoy, fancy, finish, get used to, give up, keep on, imagine, involve, mention, mind, miss, postpone, practise, recommend, resent, risk, stop, suggest, tolerate

1. He doesn't **mind** (lose) a days pay, as long as he can go to his son's graduation.
2. I don't **recommend** (eat) that food. It looks off to me.
3. He **denied** (steal) his mother's money.
4. He **dislikes** (visit) his aunt because she is mean to him.
5. They didn't **anticipate** (lose) the match.
6. The children **practised** (throw) the ball.

Decide which sentences need the **infinitive** and which need the **gerund**.

1. We **hope** (see) you when we visit Moscow.
2. You **seem** (be) struggling with this work.
3. If you **keep on** (swear) you will be punished.
4. He **decided** (quit) his job.
5. She **risks** (lose) all her money.
6. You **need** (think) of a better plan.
7. I finally **finished** (paint) the house.

Words followed by infinitives:

struggle, volunteer, hope,
refuse, deserve, offer, forget,
learn, expect, threaten, wish,
can't wait, choose, resent,
learn

Words followed by gerunds:

postpone, enjoy, involve,
practise, suggest, stop,
imagine, tolerate, don't mind,
give up,

1. I need someone to **volunteer** (work) this weekend.
2. We **enjoyed** (have) a barbecue with friends.
3. If you don't study, you **deserve** fail.
4. You must **practise** (play) the piano to pass your music exam.
5. Can you **imagine** (win) a million dollars?
6. I can't **tolerate** (see) cruelty to animals.
7. Did you **forget** (do) your homework?
8. I **struggle** (understand) why you did that.
9. Please **stop** (whistle)! It is getting on my nerves!
10. I **suggest** (take) an umbrella in case it rains.
11. We **hope** (move) into our new house next week.
12. One day she will **learn** (manage) her time better.
13. I **refuse** (stay) in this place any longer!
14. Getting your degree will **involve** (work) very hard.
15. Did you **offer** (help) them clean up the mess?
16. Do you **wish** (attend) the next conference?
17. Did you **expect** (pass) this exam?
18. His boss **threatened** (fire) him if he didn't work harder.
19. I **can't wait** (finish) all my exams.
20. We are going to **postpone** (play) tennis due to bad weather.
21. I **don't mind** (help) you wash the dishes.
22. If you **choose** (be) lazy, you **choose** fail.
23. I have **given up** (smoke) for health reasons.
24. I **resent** you (waste) my time.
25. You must **learn** (wake) up early.

