

DJ Gerund vs DJ Infinitive

1. Listen to the short pieces of songs and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Take my hand, stop, put Van The Man¹ on the jukebox²
And then we start (dance).
2. I always had that dream, like my daddy before me
So I started(write) songs, I started(write) stories
3. Come on, come on
Save me from my rocking³ boat
I just want(stay) afloat⁴
4. I'd like(would like)(make) myself believe
5. Now I need someone (breathe) me back to life
6. So I cross my heart and I hope(die)⁵
7. OK, now he was close
Tried(domesticate⁶) you
8. That you and I could learn(love) again
After all this time
9. But I hate(fall) in love
10. I don't mind(spend) every day

2. Complete the chart with the listed words according to the lyrics above.

start, start, want, would like, need, hope, try, learn, hate, (don't) mind

Gerund	Infinitive
enjoy, stop, spend, love, like, finish, try, remember, keep, imagine, can't help, detest, suggest	decide, forget, pretend, promise, remember, refuse, fail, expect, seem, offer, deserve

¹ The nickname of Van Morrison, a Northern Irish singer-songwriter

² a machine that plays music when money is put into it

³ to rock: to move (someone or something) back and forth or from side to side

⁴ floating on water

⁵ said to show that what you have just said or promised is completely true or sincere

⁶ to breed or train (an animal) to need and accept the care of human beings

Verbs which can be used both with infinitive and gerund:

stop to do: They stopped to talk – *Megálltak beszélgetni.*

stop doing: They stopped talking – *Befejezték a beszélgetést.*

try to do: I tried to do yoga, but I failed – *Megpróbáltam jógázni, de nem sikerült.*

try doing: I tried doing yoga – *Kipróbáltam a jógát.*

remember to do: I remembered to close the door – *Nem felejtettem el bezárni az ajtót.*

remember doing: I remember closing the door – *Emlékszem, hogy bezártam az ajtót.*

start to do and start doing: She started to cry/She started crying – *Elkezdett sírni.*

3. Complete the sentences with the gerund or with the infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.

- a) Ed Sheeran admitted on Twitter 'I tried(fool) my mother on 1st of April, but I failed'.
- b) Lukas Graham tried.....(sail), it was a great experience for him.
- c) Adam Levine remembers(establish) his band named Maroon 5.
- d) I remembered(download) songs before this class.
- e) Shawn Mendes wrote on Twitter 'I will never stop(sing)'.
- f) The singer of Owl City stopped(talk) with his fans after the concert.