

Verbs taking to-infinitive or -ing form with a change in meaning

- 1 **forget + to-inf** (= fail to remember to do sth)
He forgot to turn off the radio.
forget + -ing form (= not recall a past event)
I'll never forget seeing the Eiffel Tower for the first time.
- 2 **remember + to-inf** (= not forget to do sth)
Please, remember to feed the dog before leaving.
remember + -ing form (= recall a past event)
I don't remember seeing him at the party last night.
- 3 **mean + to-inf** (= intend to) *She means to study art in Paris this summer.*
mean + -ing form (= involve) *I won't go if it means taking the train during rush hour.*
- 4 **go on + to-inf** (= finish doing sth and start doing sth else; then; afterwards) *He pruned the hedges, then went on to mow the lawn.*
go on + -ing form (= continue)
We went on dancing until we got tired.
- 5 **regret + to-inf** (= be sorry to) *I regret to inform you that there are no seats on the 12.30 flight*
regret + -ing form (= have second thoughts about sth already done) *He regrets buying such an expensive sports car.*
- 6 **would prefer + to-inf** (specific preference)
I'd prefer to eat at this restaurant.
prefer + -ing form (in general)
I prefer reading spy stories.
prefer + to-inf + rather than + inf without to
I prefer to drive to work rather than take the bus.
- 7 **try + to-inf** (= do one's best; attempt)
Try to throw the ball into the basket.
try + -ing form (= do sth as an experiment)
Try cooking with olive oil, you might find it improves the taste.
- 8 **want + to-inf** (= wish) *I want to go home.*
want + -ing form (= sth needs to be done)
These windows want cleaning.
- 9 **stop + to-inf** (= pause temporarily). *Can we stop here to admire the view?*
stop + -ing form (= finish; cease)
He stopped studying and switched on the TV.
- 10 **be sorry + to-inf** (= regret) *I was sorry to hear he failed his exam.*
be sorry for + -ing form (= apologise for)
She was sorry for yelling at him.
- 11 **hate + to-inf** (= not like what one is about to do)
I hate to argue, but you are definitely wrong.
hate + -ing form (= feel sorry for what one is doing) *I hate bothering you at such a late hour.*
- 12 **be afraid + to-inf** (= be too frightened to do sth; hesitate) *She was afraid to jump into the pool.*
be afraid of + -ing form (= be afraid that what is referred to by the -ing form may happen) *When driving in the rain, I'm afraid of skidding on the wet road.*

40 Put the verbs in brackets into the infinitive or -ing form.

- 1 A: I'll never forget ...travelling... (travel) across America.
B: Yes, but you forgot (send) me a postcard, didn't you?
- 2 A: I hate (ask) you, but can you help me with the housework?
B: Sure, but remember I hate (do) the vacuuming.
- 3 A: The door wants (fix).
B: I know, I wanted (ask) the carpenter to come and have a look but I forgot.
- 4 A: I'm sorry (put) you in such a difficult position.
B: It's OK. I'm sorry for (shout) at you.
- 5 A: I'd prefer (spend) this weekend at home.
B: Really? I prefer (go out) whenever I've got free time.
- 6 A: Did he go on (talk) about the same boring topics all night?
B: No, he went on (show) us his holiday photos.
- 7 A: Don't be afraid (talk) to her in French.
B: I can't. I'm afraid of (make) mistakes.
- 8 A: I meant (tell) you there's a job vacancy at the chemist's.
B: Well, I won't apply if it means (work) at the weekend.



2 The Infinitive / -ing form / Participles

- 9 A: Why don't you try (take) a different medicine if you're still ill?
B: I think I'll just try (get) some more sleep.
- 10 A: Let's stop (have) something to eat.
B: Again? I wish you'd stop (eat) so much!
- 11 A: The notice says the gallery regrets (inform) us that the Picasso exhibition has finished.
B: Oh, no! Now I regret (not/go) last week.
- 12 A: Did you remember (post) the letters?
B: I remember (take) them but I think I've left them on my desk.

41 Fill in the correct form of the infinitive or the -ing form.

Eli Bilston always enjoyed 1) ...**telling**... (tell) us about his life, and we were always afraid 2) (interrupt) him because he had a very hot temper. He had left school at thirteen, and he had managed to avoid 3) (look for) a real job by 4) (work) for his father in the family scrapyard. He was supposed 5) (check) the weight of scrap metal leaving the yard, but he always preferred 6) (sit) around and 7) (make) cups of tea for the other workers instead. You won't be surprised 8) (hear) that eventually Eli's father noticed him 9) (waste) time 10) (do) nothing, and asked him 11) (find) another job. Eli never regretted 12) (have) to leave the scrapyard, because his next job was even easier! He was employed at Dudley Zoo as a nightwatchman, where he found it a pleasure just 13) (play) in their cages. His only duty was 16) (sit) and 14) (watch) the monkeys 15) (play) in their cages. His only duty was 16) (feed) the jaguars at dawn - something which he claims he only forgot 17) (do) once in his time there. He said that he would never forget 18) (see) the zookeeper's face after the poor man had tried 19) (give) them their lunch - they had nearly eaten him alive! After 20) (work) in the zoo for six years, war broke out in Europe and Eli went on 21) (join) the army in the hope of finding some adventure.



42 Fill in the correct form of the infinitive or the -ing form.

- 1 I used to love ...**visiting**... Santorini so much that I finally bought a house there.
- 2 He couldn't bear his mother the truth because he didn't want to upset her.
- 3 I'm sorry, I don't remember you before.
- 4 I'll have to go to Belgium by train - I'm afraid of
- 5 You are required this form before you can start the job.
- 6 Before you leave, don't forget the plants.
- 7 I regret you that your house must be demolished.
- 8 If we want to catch the early train, it means up early tomorrow morning.
- 9 I would prefer to the cinema for a change - we always go to the theatre.
- 10 There's no point! It was your decision after all.
- 11 The explorer escaped from the lion only himself surrounded by savages.
- 12 As a child, I spent so much time that people used to call me "the Fish".
- 13 If you can't get the stain out of your shirt, you could try salt on it.
- 14 He regretted lies to his parents.
- 15 Try some more pepper to the soup. It might taste better.
- 16 Please stop! There's a meeting in progress next door.
- 17 The thief got into the manager's office by pretending a cleaner.
- 18 You must complete this exercise without a dictionary.
- 19 Acid rain is said many trees all over Europe.
- 20 What do you mean Bob's a vegetarian? I saw him a chicken sandwich only yesterday!



Santorini - Greece

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43 Fill in the correct form of the infinitive or the -ing form.

- 1 I advise you ...to take... (take) some money in case the banks are shut.
- 2 My mother used (encourage) us to eat lots of vegetables.
- 3 Don't forget (lock) the door when you leave the office.
- 4 Do you remember (swim) in Lake Langaron last summer?
- 5 When you finish this exercise go on (do) the composition on page 11.
- 6 Would you mind (turn) the radio down? I've got a headache.
- 7 Why don't we try (eat) some Thai food for a change?
- 8 They stopped running (have) a rest.
- 9 He put off (tell) her the bad news.
- 10 I really regret (spend) so much money at the weekend.
- 11 I suggest (look) this word up in a dictionary.
- 12 David was too afraid (swim) in the rough sea.
- 13 He doesn't look old enough (be/married).
- 14 I couldn't stop (wonder) whether I had done the right thing.
- 15 In general I prefer (watch) films on the big screen rather than on TV.
- 16 I'm sorry, I didn't mean (hurt) you.
- 17 Don't you dare (be) late again.
- 18 I need to get a job. I'm tired of (have) to rely on my parents for money.
- 19 Have you considered (learn) another language?
- 20 I can't stand (listen) to you complaining all the time.

Participles

- **Present participles** (verb + ing) describe what somebody or something is. *It was a fascinating story. (What kind of story? Fascinating.)*
- **Past participles** (verb + ed) describe how somebody feels. *We were fascinated by his story. (How did we feel about his story? Fascinated.)*

44 Underline the correct participle.

On Saturday, I took my children to the circus. I thought I would have a 1) boring/bored time, but actually I was quite 2) astonishing/astonished by the 3) amazing/amazed acts. We were 4) stunning/stunned by the acrobats. They balanced on top of each other with incredible ease. We were really 5) impressing/impressed by their performance. The children found the lion-tamer's act 6) exciting/excited. I felt 7) terrifying/terrified when he put his hands into the lion's mouth, but the children were 8) amusing/amused and they clapped loudly. A magician performed many incredible tricks; it was 9) fascinating/fascinated to watch him make various objects disappear and reappear. The children were more 10) interesting/interested in the elephant act. When the huge animals came into the arena, the audience cheered. The elephants were well-trained and their tricks were 11) entertaining/entertained. Some children from the audience were invited to ride on the elephants' backs. My children were 12) disappointing/disappointed when they were not chosen, but their disappointment faded when the clowns took the centre ring. It was quite a 13) captivating/captivated show. By the time we got home we all felt 14) exhausting/exhausted.





2 The Infinitive / -ing form / Participles

In Other Words

- It's too hot for him to go jogging.
It isn't cool enough for him to go jogging.
It's so hot that he can't go jogging.
- It's dangerous to exceed the speed limit.
Exceeding the speed limit is dangerous.
- They allowed us to enter the room.
We were allowed to enter the room.
- It took him two hours to reach London.
He took two hours to reach London.
Reaching London took him two hours.
- She made him carry the bags.
He was made to carry the bags.
- I prefer listening to music to dancing.
I prefer to listen to music rather than dance.
- We were interested in the lecture.
We found the lecture interesting.
- Could you do the washing?
Would you mind doing the washing?
- He had difficulty (in) concentrating on his work.
It was difficult for him to concentrate on his work.
He could hardly concentrate on his work.
He found it difficult to concentrate on his work.
- She let them use the spare room.
They were allowed to use the spare room.

45 Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

- We were allowed to take our dog inside.
allowed They ...*allowed us to take*... our dog inside.
- We found what she said shocking.
were We she said.
- Going swimming after eating is dangerous.
go It is dangerous after eating.
- Could you turn the volume up?
mind Would the volume up?
- He prefers walking to riding a bicycle.
walk He prefers a bicycle.
- It was difficult for her to understand what he was talking about.
difficulty She what he was talking about.
- The box was too heavy for him to lift.
enough The box for him to lift.
- The dress is so long that she can't wear it.
her The dress is wear.
- They made him wait for an hour.
was He for an hour.
- She could hardly do the exercises.
difficult She the exercises.
- He made her promise that she would come back.
was She that she would come back.
- The audience found the performance amusing.
were The audience the performance.
- The film was so interesting that I saw it twice.
was I the film that I saw it twice.
- It was difficult for him to understand the instructions.
hardly He the instructions.
- Could you move a bit please?
mind Would a bit please?
- The headmaster let the boys leave the school.
were The boys the school.
- She prefers working to staying at home.
than She prefers at home.
- They took three days to finish the project.
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46 Find the word which should not be in the sentence.

- 1 She let me to use her computer.
- 2 The Persian rug was too expensive for us to buy it.
- 3 Taking regular exercise it is beneficial to your health.
- 4 In addition to be losing her purse, Joan also lost her passport.
- 5 We saw the Queen to welcome the British Olympic winners.
- 6 It was enough too late to find accommodation elsewhere.
- 7 We would sooner to renew our contract than move somewhere else.
- 8 The archaeologist is believed to have being found the tomb of the ancient King.
- 9 He might to be given a more responsible position in future.
- 10 To making promises you do not intend to keep is dishonest.
- 11 Those curtains want being dry-cleaning.
- 12 She prefers working out than to sitting at home doing nothing.
- 13 I would like entertaining people at home at the weekends.
- 14 We enjoy going for fishing from time to time.
- 15 It's no use you spending money on impractical household items.
- 16 She'll never forget to meeting Bruce Springsteen.
- 17 He was afraid of to tell his parents that he had damaged the car.
- 18 Shirley won't accept their offer if it means that working at the weekend.

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Oral Development 2

A group of people went fishing last Sunday. Use the list below and your own ideas to say what happened using infinitives or -ing form.

decide, look forward to, try, manage, continue, stop, notice, begin, have a difficult time, be afraid, appear, happen help, be relieved, regret



eg. Bob and his friends decided to go fishing last Sunday. All of them ...

47 Look at Appendix 2, then explain the phrasal verbs in bold.

- The company is planning to **bring out** a new perfume in the summer. *launch; produce*
- The situation **calls for** immediate action.
- The director's death **brought about** the collapse of the company.
- Do **carry on with** your work while I'm away.
- Heavy smoking **brought on** his death.
- John **was** completely **carried away** by the music and lost track of time.
- The nurse **brought** the patient **round** by putting cold water on his face.
- They managed to **carry** the task **through** despite opposition.
- This tune **brings back** memories of my childhood.
- The sale of the paintings will **bring in** several thousand pounds.
- We need to **carry out** some tests to find out what's wrong with you.
- She was nervous about chairing the meeting, but she **carried it off** without any problems.
- Please don't **bring up** the subject of politics in class.
- The meeting was **called off** due to the President's sudden illness.
- When fire broke out we **called out** the fire brigade.
- They tried to **bring down** the government by starting a revolution.

48 Look at Appendix 3, then fill in the correct preposition.

- She applied **to** the manager the post of editor of the magazine.
- He is crazy all kinds of fast cars.
- I wouldn't bet it being warm tomorrow.
- The manager of the bank had to account all the money that was missing.
- I didn't realise there would be a charge using this telephone.
- The police announced that they were going to charge someone the murder of the priest.
- Nobody seems to care what is happening in the world today.
- James' mother told him to take care himself during the journey.
- Mark was very clever figuring out how machines worked.
- It was very clever you to remember to bring an umbrella.
- If you apply now, you're assured getting a place on the course.
- You can't compare Elvis Presley Michael Jackson. Elvis is the king.
- Compared winters in Moscow, this isn't really cold at all.
- The Police Inspector wasn't able to comment the case as they had no new evidence.
- I'm going to have to stop eating chocolate. I think I'm addicted it.
- Michael's been asked to contribute this new science fiction magazine.
- I couldn't get into the museum because it was crowded tourists.
- Scientists are still trying to find a cure AIDS.
- You have to comply these rules or you will lose your job.
- Brian's been accused cheating in his exams.
- Maria should go and see a doctor. She has been complaining back pains for weeks now.
- I'm going to complain the manager this meal. It was terrible.
- It upsets me when people are cruel their pets.
- He doesn't seem to be aware what's going on around him.
- This new book I'm reading is based the life of Jackie Onassis.

49 Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

- When did George give up his job?
since How long **is it since George gave** up his job?

- 2 The machine stopped working so we asked someone to check it.
down The machine asked someone to check it.
- 3 The soup is so hot that she can't eat it.
hot The soup to eat.
- 4 Could you water the flowers?
mind Would the flowers?
- 5 The film was quite boring.
were We the film.
- 6 She prefers watching TV to listening to music.
rather She'd to music.
- 7 We left early to avoid the traffic.
out We to avoid the traffic.
- 8 They made the children study for five hours a day.
were The for five hours a day.
- 9 He finds driving on the left difficult.
used He on the left.
- 10 He thought she was his aunt.
for He his aunt.
- 11 The tiles on their roof need replacing.
need They the tiles on their roof.
- 12 He doesn't want her to work as a waitress.
objects He as a waitress.
- 13 We haven't had any news from him for a month.
heard We for a month.

30 Complete the sentences below with a suitable word from the list below.

a bell a fox a cucumber a lamb a picture
a pancake a bee a peacock the grave a sheet

- 1 The bride looked as pretty as ...a picture... in her white silk wedding gown.
- 2 Mr Bayer looks a rather rough type but he is really as gentle as
- 3 Her voice rang out as clear as
- 4 When Jenny came top of the class she was as proud as
- 5 The land around town is as flat as There isn't a hill in sight.
- 6 When Mr Jenkins heard the news he went as white as
- 7 Her mother has been as busy as all day making all the last minute preparations for the wedding.
- 8 John remained as silent as as he listened to my plans for the future.
- 9 Mary stayed as cool as and gave not even the slightest sign that she had met him before.
- 10 You can be sure he has an ulterior motive for inviting us to dinner; he is as cunning as

51 Tick the correct boxes.

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