2 The Infinitive / -ing form / -ing/-ed adjectives

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

- **forget + *to* infinitive** (= forget to do sth)
  *I'm sorry, I **forgot to lock** the car.*
  forget + *-ing* form (= forget a past event)
  *We'll never **forget visiting** Paris.*
- **remember + *to* infinitive** (= remember to do sth) ***Remember to read** the instructions.*
  remember + *-ing* form (= recall a past event)
  *I don't **remember meeting** Al before.*
- **mean + *to* infinitive** (= intend to)
  *He **means to move** to Newcastle.*
  mean + *-ing* form (= involve)
  *Working harder **means getting** more money.*
- **go on + *to* infinitive** (= finish doing sth and start doing sth else) *After finishing her BA, she **went on to get** a master's degree.*
  go on + *-ing* form (= continue)
  *She **went on watching** TV.*
- **regret + *to* infinitive** (= be sorry to do sth)
  *I **regret to tell** you that you have failed.*
  regret + *-ing* form (= have second thoughts about sth already done) *He **regrets telling** lies when he was young.*
- **would prefer + *to* infinitive** (specific preference) *I'd **prefer to have** an early night tonight.*
  prefer + *-ing* form (in general)
  *I **prefer reading** a book **to watching** TV.*
  prefer + *to* infinitive + (rather) than + infinitive without *to*
  *I **prefer to read** a book **(rather) than watch** TV.*
- **try + *to* infinitive** (= do one's best; attempt)
  *She **tried** hard **to cope** with her new job.*
  try + *-ing* form (= do sth as an experiment)
  ***Try adding** some more sauce to your pasta.*
- **want + *to* infinitive** (= wish)
  *I **want to find** a better job.*
  want + *-ing* form (= sth needs to be done)
  *Your dress **wants cleaning**.*
- **stop + *to* infinitive** (= pause temporarily)
  *He **stopped to buy** some milk on his way home.*
  stop + *-ing* form (= finish)
  ***Stop talking** to each other, please!*
- **be sorry + *to* infinitive** (= regret)
  *I'm **sorry to hear** he has been injured.*
  be sorry for + *-ing* form (= apologise for an earlier action)
  *I'm **sorry for misunderstanding/having misunderstood** what you said.*
- **hate + *to* infinitive** (= feel sorry that you have to ask, interrupt, etc.)
  *I **hate to interrupt**, but I must talk to you.*
  hate + *-ing* form *(= feel sorry for what one is doing) I **hate making** you feel uncomfortable.*
- **be afraid + *to* infinitive** (= the subject feels anxious about doing sth)
  *I'm **afraid to drive over** the old bridge.*
  be afraid of + *-ing* form (= the subject is afraid that what is described by the -ing form may happen)
  *She **is afraid of breaking** her leg if she jumps over the wall.*

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

1 Tom stopped ..to pick up.. **(pick up)** his dry cleaning on the way home.
2 If you don't stop ..... **(eat)** so much chocolate, you'll make yourself ill.
3 Try ..... **(phone)** John at the office if he's not at home.
4 I tried my best ..... **(finish)** the test, but there just wasn't enough time.
5 He was promoted in 1990 and went on ..... **(become)** a company director.
6 The band went on ..... **(play)** even after the lights had gone out.
7 Jane was afraid ..... **(show)** her school report to her parents.
8 I'm afraid of ..... **(lose)** my way in the forest.
9 What do you mean ..... **(do)** with all that money?
10 Playing a musical instrument well means ..... **(practise)** for years.
11 I regret ..... **(tell)** you that your appointment has been cancelled.
12 She regrets ..... **(spend)** so much money on her new dress.
13 Do you remember ..... **(ride)** a bicycle for the first time?
14 Remember ..... **(post)** the letters on your way home.

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

Claire: Katie! I've been meaning 1) to ask **(ask)** you. Did you pass your driving test?
Katie: No, I'm afraid I didn't.
Claire: Oh! I'm really sorry 2) ..... **(hear)** that. Did your examiner say why?
Katie: Yes. He said I didn't remember 3) ..... **(look)** in my rearview mirror when I was reversing. Although I really don't remember 4) ..... **(forget)** to do that!
Claire: Oh. That's a pity.
Katie: He also said that I forgot 5) ..... **(signal)** that I was turning on two occasions. And that I didn't stop 6) ..... **(look)** when I went through an intersection. I have to admit to those mistakes though.
Claire: Oh, dear. Are you very upset you failed?
Katie: A bit. I'm trying 7) ..... **(forget)** about it.
Claire: Look, you just need some more lessons.
Katie: That's what my examiner said. He told me not to give up.
Claire: Hey, I've got an idea! Why don't you try 8) ..... **(take)** lessons with my dad? He taught me to drive. He's a really good teacher.
Katie: Thanks. But my brother says he wants 9) ..... **(help)** me. I'd prefer 10) ..... **(get)** lessons from him.
Claire: OK. No problem. Just let me know if there's anything else I can do to help.
Katie: Thanks! I will.

12 **Put the verbs in brackets into the correct *infinitive* or *-ing* form.**

Dear John,

I was glad to receive your email. I didn't go to the party on Saturday night because I injured myself at football practice last week. I'm trying hard not 1) to feel **(feel)** sorry for myself, but I must admit it's difficult. I want 2) ..... **(be)** on the pitch with the rest of the team – not sitting here with a broken leg! My coach was sorry 3) ..... **(hear)** I had been hurt. Our team doctor told him I wouldn't be able to play again this season. The season won't end for another five months, so I'd prefer 4) ..... **(believe)** that my leg will heal before then. I mean 5) ..... **(do)** everything I can to get better. Our team has won all our games this year and if we continue to do so there's a good chance we will go on 6) ..... **(play)** in the final. I'll never forget 7) ..... **(play)** in the final last year and I'd love to experience that again!
By the way, do you want to come to my house next weekend to watch a film? Remember 8) ..... **(bring)** my CDs with you if you can!



Take care,
David

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