

Verbs followed by the infinitive or gerund

verb + to + infinitive

verbs of thinking and feeling:	Choose, decide, expect, forget, hate, hope, intend, learn, like, love, mean, plan, prefer, remember, want, would like/love
verbs of saying:	Agree, promise, refuse, threaten
others	Arrange, attempt, fail, help, manage, tend, try

I **decided to go** home as soon as possible.

We all **wanted to have** more English classes.

verb + noun + to + infinitive

verbs of saying:	Advise, ask, encourage, invite, order, persuade, remind, tell, warn* (warn is normally used with not: The police warned everyone not to drive too fast.)
verbs of wanting and liking:	Hate, intend, like, love, mean, prefer, want, would like/love
Others	Allow, enable, expect, force, get, teach

She **asked him to send** her a text message.

He **wanted all his friends to come** to his party.

Verb + noun + infinitive

Two very common verbs – **make** and **let** – are followed by the **infinitive without to**.

They **made him pay** for the things he had broken.

The doctor **made me wait** for almost an hour.

They **let you go** in free at the weekend.

Will you **let me come** in?

Gerund

As the subject of a clause Example: **Cycling** is good for your health.

After a preposition (of place and time). Example: I did my homework before going out.

Verbs followed by Gerund Example: I enjoy cooking.

• admit	• can't help	• enjoy	• mind
• advise	• can't stand	• fancy	• miss
• allow	• deny	• finish	• permit
• avoid	• dislike	• keep	• practice

• suggest

• waste time / money

Ex.1 Fill the gaps with the verb in brackets in the appropriate form.

- 1 Joanna decided not _____ volleyball after school as she was feeling tired. (play)
- 2 Carry on _____. I'll be back in a minute. (work)
- 3 I look forward to _____ you again. (meet)
- 4 I can't help _____ that he is lying to me. (think)
- 5 Sally broke my MP3 player, but she refused _____ me a new one. (buy)
- 6 I don't mind _____ you with your homework. (help)
- 7 Suzi offered _____ me a lift into town. (give)
- 8 I can't stand _____ in the school canteen. (eat)
- 9 Toby suggested _____ to a CD. (listen)
- 10 Max is pretending _____ asleep, but he isn't really. (be)
- 11 Do you fancy _____ to eat this evening? (go out)
- 12 He promised _____ me before 10. (phone)

Ex.2 Fill the gaps with the verb in brackets in the appropriate form.

- 1 I can't stand _____ in queues. (to wait)
- 2 I wouldn't like _____ in his shoes. (to be)
- 3 Jim loves _____ in Thailand. (to work)
- 4 I hate _____ the shopping on Saturday. (to do)
- 5 I forgot _____ milk. (to buy)
- 6 In the end we decided _____ in. (to stay)
- 7 I need _____ some information about Portugal. (to find)
- 8 My parents like _____ for long walks at the weekend. (to go)
- 9 Tony gave up _____ years ago. (to smoke)
- 10 I wanted _____ and see Troy but no one else was interested. (to go)
- 11 Mrs Leith offered _____ us to the airport. (to take)
- 12 Clare refused _____ clean up after the party. (to help)
- 13 I tried _____ him to come but it was no use. (to persuade)
- 14 Do you mind not _____? (to smoke)
- 15 Everybody really enjoyed _____ the cha-cha-cha. (to dance)
- 16 Lionel admitted _____ my chocolate mousse. (to eat)

Ex.3 Fill the gaps with the verb in brackets in the appropriate form.

- 1) A lot of people are worried about _____ their jobs. (lose)
- 2) He agreed _____ a new car. (buy)
- 3) The question is easy _____. (answer)

- 4) Not everybody can afford _____ to university. (go)
- 5) I look forward to _____ you at the weekend. (see)
- 6) Are you thinking of _____ London? (visit)
- 7) He apologized for _____ so late. (arrive)
- 8) Stop _____ noise, please; I'm studying. (make)
- 9) She doesn't mind _____ the night shift. (work)
- 10) I learned _____ the bike at the age of 5. (ride)