Verbs followed by gerund or infinitive

	-ing	to
admit *		
advise		
afford		
agree *		
appear		
arrange		
ask		
avoid		
can't stand		
choose		
consider		
decide *		
demand		
deny *		
deserve		
dislike		
don't mind		
enjoy		
expect *		
fail		
fancy		
(fancy=) feel like		
finish		
give up		
keep		
help		
hope *		
invite		
imagine *		
learn *		
manage		
mean		
miss		
offer		
plan		
practice		
pretend *		
promise *		
recommend		
refuse		
reject		
risk		
seem *		
stop		
suggest *		
tend		
try		
wait		
want		
would like		

General Rule

Gerunds

-ing

Used when actions are:
real, concrete or completed

Infinitives

to

Used when actions are:
unreal, abstract or future

Complete these sentences below with the right form of the verbs in brackets: gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to). Then complete the list on the left.
(* means that this verb can also be followed by a **that- clause**)

1) Learning a foreign language means _____ (be) interested in another culture.
2) My friend is giving up _____ (smoke) at last.
3) Bob is very skilful. He has managed _____ (fix) his laptop himself.
4) Doctors recommend _____ (sleep) eight hours a day.
5) Reliable friends are always there for you. They will never fail _____ (help) to you.
6) I don't mind _____ (do) the washing up.
7) Mum, can I go out? I've already finished _____ (study).
8) Tina hopes _____ (become) a prestigious engineer one day.
9) Jerry is very angry. I've phoned him five times but he refuses _____ (speak) to me.
10) The suspect arrested by the police denied _____ (rob) the bank. He said he had an alibi.
11) He admitted _____ (make) a serious mistake and apologised.
12) I can't stand _____ (wear) these awful glasses!
13) The teacher agreed _____ (postpone) the exam.
14) Peter pretended _____ (have) a stomach ache and left school early.
15) Will promised his mum _____ (be) back at 11.
16) Few people can afford _____ (buy) the trendiest smartphone.
17) Fred chose _____ (work) on Saturday instead of on Friday.
18) Angelina imagined _____ (get) an Oscar for her last movie.
19) We've planned _____ (fly) to Denmark this Christmas.
20) Tom suggested _____ (spend) a couple of weeks on Majorca.
21) Amanda rejected _____ (eat) the soup because it was salty.
22) People shouldn't risk _____ (ride) a motorbike without wearing a helmet.
23) I really miss _____ (chat) with you every day.
24) Mum asked me _____ (lay) the table.
25) Mr. Johnson tends _____ (lie) about his age. He's so flirty!
26) You should avoid _____ (shout). It's too late!
27) He kept _____ (talk) for hours.
28) Do you fancy _____ (dance)?
29) If you try _____ (work) a bit harder, I'm sure you'll pass.
30) He will arrange _____ (book) a room at the best hotel.
31) He seems _____ (be) worried.

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