

# Verbs followed by gerund or infinitive

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

-ing  
to

## 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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