

# GERUNDS

## The Gerund Form of Verbs

### Usage



### Examples



As subject of a sentence

- **Writing** in English is difficult.
- **Watching** TV is my favorite pastime.

As direct object of a sentence

- I like **writing** in English.
- I love **going** out to restaurants.

As a subject complement

- My cat's favorite activity is **sleeping**.
- One of his duties is **doing** homework.

As an object of a preposition

- We shall be interested in **hearing** your comments.
- Would you like to walk instead of **taking** the bus?

After certain expressions

- My cat's favorite activity is **sleeping**.
- One of his duties is **doing** homework.



**A SHORT SUMMARY FOR GERUNDS & INFINITIVES**

**VERBS + INFINITIVE**

**Verbs Followed by an Infinitive**

She agreed to speak before the game.

|          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|
| agree    | forget   | prefer   |
| aim      | get      | proceed  |
| appear   | happen   | promise  |
| arrange  | have     | propose  |
| ask      | hesitate | refuse   |
| attempt  | hope     | remember |
| be able  | hurry    | say      |
| begin    | intend   | start    |
| choose   | leave    | stop     |
| continue | like     | swear    |
| dare     | love     | threaten |
| decide   | mean     | try      |
| deserve  | neglect  | use      |
| dislike  | offer    | wait     |
| expect   | ought    | want     |
| fail     | plan     | wish     |

**VERBS + GERUND**

**Verbs Followed by a Gerund**

They enjoyed working on the boat.

|            |          |              |
|------------|----------|--------------|
| admit      | finish   | resist       |
| advise     | forbid   | resume       |
| appreciate | get      | risk         |
| avoid      | have     | spend (time) |
| can't help | imagine  | suggest      |
| complete   | mind     | tolerate     |
| consider   | miss     | waste (time) |
| delay      | permit   |              |
| deny       | postpone |              |
| detest     | practice |              |
| dislike    | quit     |              |
| enjoy      | recall   |              |
| escape     | report   |              |
| excuse     | resent   |              |

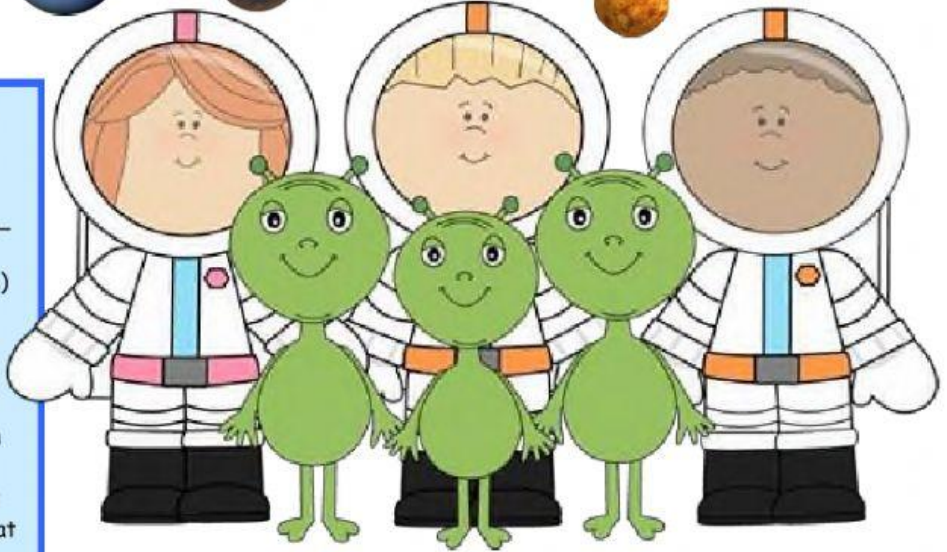
# Where are the astronauts headed?



## 1. Complete the sentence with the infinitive or the gerund

- The astronauts managed \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) their training in record time.
- They learned how \_\_\_\_\_ (survive) in space without gravity.
- The best astronaut almost quit \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to learn the complex information.
- Their mission appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in jeopardy.
- Then Marina encouraged him by saying, "It's no good \_\_\_\_\_ (quit) the project right at the end."
- Being an astronaut will enable you \_\_\_\_\_ (achieve) great success in life.
- If you give up \_\_\_\_\_ (study) now, our mission will be scrubbed.
- Think of your fellow astronauts who wouldn't hesitate \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you in time of trouble.

Infinitives \_\_\_\_\_



## 2. Put the verb in the infinitive or the gerund

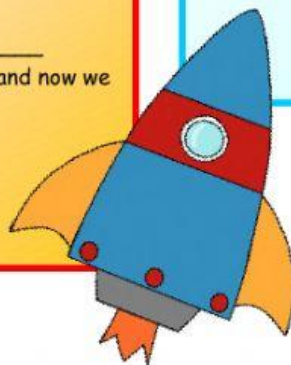
- We astronauts must keep on \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) for our space launch.
- Some say it's no use \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to distant planets, because it takes too long.
- But we really want \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) other planets and find out if life exists on them.
- Can you imagine \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) up to a Martian and shaking hands and \_\_\_\_\_ (say), "Hello, how are you?"
- We really look forward to \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) alien creatures and \_\_\_\_\_ (find) out what they are really like.
- Many scientists have warned us not \_\_\_\_\_ (take) this dangerous journey, but we are not discouraged.
- Traveling to far away planets involves \_\_\_\_\_ (risk) our lives for the thrill of discovery.
- However we won't delay \_\_\_\_\_ (blast) off into space.
- Would you agree \_\_\_\_\_ (accompany) us on our journey if you could?
- During our training we have got used to \_\_\_\_\_ (be) weightless and \_\_\_\_\_ (live) under difficult conditions.

Infinitives \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Put the verb in the gerund or the infinitive

- Scientists admit to \_\_\_\_\_ (be) intensely curious about life on other planets.
- I'm sure they would also enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) with our crew.
- We told them \_\_\_\_\_ (come) with us on our trip, but some of them think it is a waste of time \_\_\_\_\_ (search) for life that doesn't exist.
- We have been taught how \_\_\_\_\_ (endure) hardship during our training and now we can't afford \_\_\_\_\_ (waste) NASA's money by chickening out. We're on our way!

Infinitives \_\_\_\_\_



Which planet are the astronauts heading to first? Add up the infinitives.

Neptune 10  
Mars 18

Venus 9  
Jupiter 11