

Verb + -ing or verb + infinitive

Followed by TO-INFINITIVE	Followed by -ING	Followed by TO-INF or -ING
		No change in meaning:
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1. Put the verbs below in the correct column

enjoy hope remember miss continue deny help
 threaten delay can't stand risk recommend would like try
 regret promise avoid offer suggest begin stop

2. Choose the correct alternatives

- Miguel suggested going / to go for a walk in the park.
- He managed getting / to get a job as a DJ.
- They refused signing / to sign the contract.
- She promised staying / to stay in contact.
- I miss playing / to play the drums.
- What time are you expecting the band arriving / to arrive?
- The manager threatened calling / to call the police.
- We finished eating / to eat at about midnight.
- You should avoid eating / to eat in smoky restaurants.
- I love to spend / spending time in the country.



3. Choose the correct alternatives

I used to love **to celebrate / celebrating** my birthday with my family, but now I'm 15, I want **to have / having** a party with my friends. My older brother offered **to talk / talking** to my parents, and after **to think / thinking** about it, they agreed I could have a party at home. I think it's important **to organise / organising** things properly, so I asked my mum **to help / helping** me get it ready, as it was my first party. We agreed that **to prepare / preparing** the food is her responsibility, and the decorations and music are my job. My brother suggested to set up / setting up a karaoke stage but I prefer **not to do / not doing** it. I'm really excited about **to have / having** it!



4. Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in the -ing or to-infinitive form.

1. I hate (play) tennis, but I would love (learn).
2. She wants me (phone) her parents.
3. She can't help (get) into trouble.
4. She can't afford (buy) a house there.
5. After (leave) university, she would (like) get a job in tourism.
6. Instead of (tidy) his room, he decided (watch) a film.
7. I don't mind (wait).
8. It is impossible (solve) this problem.
9. The man denied (commit) the crime.
10. They had fun (ski).
11. I really miss (play) tennis like I used to.
12. We expect him (join) us on Sunday.
13. (swim) is good for you.
14. Tom offered (bring) me home.
15. Can you imagine (live) on the moon?
16. I agreed (help) him if he is in trouble.
17. She threatened (leave) us.
18. The water here is not very good. I'd avoid (drink) it if I were you.
19. He refused (tell) me what all the fuss was about.
20. She learned (treat) pupils with respect.
21. You advised us (not go) to London.
22. They suggested (travel) by bus.
23. You must promise not (tell) this secret to anyone.
24. She always wastes her time (read) bad books.
25. We've arranged (meet) outside the school at 4.30
26. She has finished (decorate) the house.
27. Alvaro admitted (cheat) during the English test.
28. He recommends (travel) in summer.



5. Same verb, different meaning with to infinitive or -ing.

1. Stop (worry) about it. Everyone makes mistakes.
2. These hiking trails are terrific but I'm exhausted. Let's stop (rest).
3. I regret (inform) you that you didn't make the team.
4. Sam regrets (spend) the whole night looking for UFOs.
5. Remember (bring) the leads for the dogs.
6. Harry says he doesn't remember (meet) Sally before.
7. Try (walk) to work instead. It's less stressful than driving.
8. Try (stay) calm. The fire service is on its way.
9. I don't mean (hurt) your feelings but you didn't make the team.
10. I'm sorry. I meant (write) to you but I've been busy.
11. I won't forget (feed) the cat.
12. She forgot (do) her homework.
13. He went on (cycle) until he reached the farm.
14. He went on (tell) them how to make a different cake.

