

Gerunds and Infinitives

There are some verbs that can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive and the meaning does **not** change:

- BEGIN
- CAN'T BEAR
- CAN'T STAND
- CONTINUE
- HATE

- LIKE
- LOVE
- PREFER
- PROPOSE
- START

Example: Sean **began working** at the hospital in 2017. «--- Gerund

Sean **began to work** at the hospital in 2017. «----Infinitive

Each sentence has the same meaning: In 2017, Sean started working at the hospital.

SPEAKING

Instructions: Look at the pictures below and make a sentence using the infinitive and a gerund.

				
<p>begin experience side effects last week</p>	<p>can't bear have arthritis in my hands</p>	<p>can't stand have pneumonia</p>	<p>continue take your insulin</p>	<p>hate go to the hospital</p>
				
<p>like take care of my health</p>	<p>love stretch my body in the morning</p>	<p>prefer eat a big breakfast</p>	<p>Health officials propose vaccinate seniors first</p>	<p>start work 9:00am everyday</p>

WRITING

Instructions: Look at the pictures below and write a sentence using the infinitive and a gerund.

				
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WRITING

First, answer the questions below using the infinitive. Then, answer using a gerund.

1. What are three exercises or sports you **like**? E.g. **I like to swim. / I like swimming.**

Infinitive:

Gerund:

2. What are three things you **hate** eating?

Infinitive:

Gerund:

3. What do you **prefer**, going to your family doctor or a walk-in clinic?

Infinitive:

Gerund:

4. What is something that you are going to **continue** through the summer?

Infinitive:

Gerund:

5. When **did** you **start** learning English? «- past tense

Infinitive:

Gerund: