## Gerunds and Infinitives

Gerunds and infinitives can both replace a noun in a sentence. Which one you use depends on the main verb in the sentence.

| Gerund   | Infinitive   |  |
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| A gerund is the present participle (-ing) form of the verb, such as <b>singing</b> , <b>dancing</b> , <b>running</b>   | An infinitive is to + the base form of the verb, such as to sing, to dance, to run   |  |
| Gerunds can be used after certain verbs including: enjoy, discuss, dislike, finish, mind, suggest, recommend, keep, avoid, hate, remember, prevent, approve of, keep | Infinitives can be used after certain verbs including: agree, ask, decide, help, plan, hope, learn, want, would like, promise, advise, enable, remind, manage, invite, offer |  |

Ex: I remember visiting Rome as a child.

I hope to visit Rome again soon.

Alan approved of us going for drinks after work. However, he advised us to return early.

## Choose the best form of each verb to complete the sentence.

| 1) | Simon enjoys (go)  | to the mountains on the weekend.         |                         |  |  |
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| 2) | A new computer would enable me (comple                           | te) my work m                            | nore quickly.           |  |  |
| 3) | Can we finish (talk)   | _ about the new project tomorrow?        |                         |  |  |
| 4) | Do you mind (stay)   | _late on Wednesday?                      |                         |  |  |
| 5) | If so, I could ask Josh (stay)                                   | late instead.                            |                         |  |  |
| 6) | I keep (make) the  | same mistake. Hopefully someday I wi     | ill <u>learn</u> (play) |  |  |
|    | this song properly   | Į.                                       |                         |  |  |
| 7) | Francine suggested (have)  | lunch outside. Everyone agre             | eed (eat)               |  |  |
|    | outside since it was such a beautiful day.                       |  |                         |  |  |
| 8) | What would you like (see)  | on your safari in Africa?                |                         |  |  |
| 9) | Sergio held his daughter's hand to <u>prevent</u> her from (run) |  | _ into the              |  |  |
|    | street.  |  |                         |  |  |
| 10 | Tony promised (clean)  | his room after he <u>finished</u> (play) |                         |  |  |
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