Gerund or Infinitive?

Some verbs are always followed by a **gerund** (admit, avoid, quit...)

Other verbs are always followed by an **infinitive** (want, allow, expect..)
There are verbs that can be followed either by a gerund or an infinitive **WITHOUT** CHANGE IN MEANING:
Begin – start – continue – like – love – prefer – hate – can't stand – can't bear

Example: *"It began to rain/raining as soon as we left"*

Other verbs can be followed either by a gerund or an infinitive **WITH** CHANGE IN MEANING:

Remember/forget + infinitive (a task, duty, responsibility)
* "Don't forget **to lock** the door"

Remember/forget + gerund (recall something from the past)
* "I remember **meeting** Steve Jobs when I was 16"

Regret + infinitive (to tell, inform of bad news...)
* "I regret **to tell** you that your flight has been cancelled"

Regret + gerund (regret a past event)
* "I'll always regret **not accepting** that job"

Stop + infinitive (stop an action to do something else)
* "I stopped the car to use the mobile phone"

Stop + gerund (not longer doing something)
* "She stopped talking to me when she knew I had been given her former job."



PRACTICE

c
* 1. I forgot _____ an important fax yesterday.

o
* 2. I'll never forget _____ the Pyramids in Egypt.

m
* 3. I thanked John for _____ me his history book.

p
* 4. I regret _____to my father when he told me not to take that part-time job.

l
* 5. It continues _____. We should take an umbrella.

e
* 6. These words are easy _____

t
* 7. I appreciated _____a letter from my host family.

e
* 8. The teacher won't tolerate _____ during the test.

* 9. I can't afford _____ those jeans.

e
* 10. The judge ordered me _____ a small fine.

* 11. Joe volunteered _____ with the cooking.

* 12. I'll miss _____ with my friends when I go to London.

f
* 1. I'll always regret...

* 2. I'll never forget...

i
* 3. Peter, don't forget...

* 4. I didn't remember...

n
* 5. I advised John...

* 6. My father didn't allow me ...

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* 7. I won't tolerate...

* 8. It's easy ...

s
* 9. My ideal holidays consist of....

* 10. The shoplifter admitted...

h
* 11. I regret ...

* 12. Anne, remember ...

* 13. I don't want...

* 14. We all miss ...

* 15. The roast beef was so tasty that I couldn't help...

* 16. Rose suggested ...

* 17. Have you continued...

* 18. It began...

REMEMBER – NOT LISTEN – LEND – RAIN – SEND - VISIT HELP – BUY – RECEIVE – BE – PAY - CHEAT