Verb patterns

Infinitives vs. Gerunds

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I can identify and use different verb

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1. Read the text about the paparazzi. Who do you agree with more, the celebrity or the photographer? Celebrity Photographer

The public enjoy reading about starts in magazines -and they hope to see new photos of them with every article. Who takes these photos? They're called the paparazzi: photographers who spend hours each day following famous people and waiting for them outside clubs, hotels and restaurants.

THE CELEBRITY

I refuse to co-operate with the paparazzi. I never agree to pose for photos, and I avoid going to clubs and restaurants. Often, I

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Some celebrities have lost their minds due to the paparazzis.

can't face leaving the house because I know that they're waiting for me in the street outside. Of course, I realize that fame has a price, and I don't expect to lead a completely normal life-but imagine having no privacy at all. I can't help thinking it's really unfair.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Most famous people pretend to hate the paparazzi, but most of them want to be in the magazines - stars need publicity. OK, so they lose a bit of privacy - but they still manage to have a better life than most other people! And a lot of celebrities seem to enjoy the attention. It's the paparazzi who have a bad time. Sometimes we spend all night following celebrities and fail to get one good picture!'

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2. Find these verbs in the text. Are they followed by an infinitive or an -ing form? Drag them to the chart.

agreee avoid can't face can't help enjoy expect fail hope imagine manage pretend refuse seem spend(time) want

Verb + infinitive	Verb + ing form
Decide	Fancy
Happen	Feel like
Mean	Can't stand
Promise	Suggest

3. Complete the text with the *infinitive* or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets.

THE MAGAZINE EDITOR

I can't stand _____ (to hear- hearing) celebrities complain about the paparazzi. If they don't feel like _____(to have - having) their photo taken, they could stay at home. But instead, they decide _____ (to go - going) to expensive restaurants. They're only pretending _____ (to hate - hating) the paparazzi. I often phone stars and suggest _____ (to take - taking) some photos of them, and they usually agree _____ (to co-operate - co-operating). And celebrities sometimes phone me and promise _____ (to be - being) at a certain place at a certain time - and they expect _____ (to see - seeing) photographers there! Stars need publicity, and they enjoy _____ (to be - being) on the pages of magazines.

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4. Complete the sentences with the infinitive or -ing form of the verbs in the box. Which opinions do you agree with?

not to be - not being to lead - leading to read - reading to understand - understanding to write - writing

1. I enjoy _____ about celebrities, but I think their privacy is also important.

2. Magazines always seem _____ about the same people.

3. I pretend _____ interested in celebrity magazines, but I secretly look at them!

4. I fail _____ why people are so interested in celebrities.

5. I love celebrity magazines. I often imagine _____ that kind of life.

5. Listen to four speakers. Match them with four of the opinions from exercise 4.

SPEAKER: 1 ☐ **2** ☐ **3** ☐ **4** ☐

LEARN THIS!

Verbs that change their meaning:

1. Some verbs can be followed by an infinitive or an -ing form, without any difference in meaning.

2. Some verbs change meaning depending on whether they are followed by an infinitive or -ing form. E.g. *remember forget stop try*

6. Match the meaning of the sentences with the correct pattern.

1. I won't forget to send you a postcard.
a. I will remember to send you a postcard.
b. I won't remember to send you a postcard.

2. I'll never forget seeing the Pyramids.
a. I saw the Pyramids, and they will be in my mind.
b. I will remember to see the Pyramids when I'm there.

3. He stopped to chat to his friends.
a. He was doing something and stop to start chatting.
b. He is not chatting to his friends anymore.

4. He stopped chatting to his friends.
a. He was doing something and stop to start chatting.
b. He is not chatting to his friends anymore.

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