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¿Gerundios o infinitivos?

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Ya hemos estudiado que, en ciertos patrones verbales junto a verbos como ***like***, ***love***, ***prefer***, etc., es lo mismo usar gerundios o infinitivos: *I like dancing / I like to dance.* Sin embargo, hay otros patrones verbales con los cuales usar uno u otro puede ser incorrecto o tener un significado muy diferente.

Patrones verbales sin cambio de significado:

- Begin: *He began talking. / He began to talk.*
- Continue: *They continue smoking. / They continue to smoke.*
- Hate: *Don't you hate working? / Don't you hate to work?*
- Like: *I like swimming. / I like to swim.*
- Love: *She loves painting. / She loves to paint.*
- Prefer: *Pat prefers walking home. / Pat prefers to walk home.*
- Start: *They start singing. / They start to sing.*

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Patrones verbales con cambio de significado:

Try

Elderly people try to stay active. → Hacer un intento o un esfuerzo.

I'll try adding some pepper. → Probar, experimentar.

Regret

I regret to say you're wrong. → Lamentar algo del presente o del futuro.

I regret losing my photographs. → Lamentar algo del pasado.

Remember

I always remember to lock the door. → Recordar algo presente o futuro.

I remember playing in the park, years ago. → Recordar algo pasado

Forget

I always forget to call you on your birthday. → Olvidarse de hacer algo que debo.

I've forgotten if I locked the door. → No recordar si hice algo o no.

Stop

I'll stop to buy the newspaper. → Detenerse para hacer algo.

I'll stop buying the newspaper. → Dejar de hacer algo.

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Verbos que sólo pueden ser seguidos por infinitivos:

advise	convince	intend	refuse
afford	dare	invite	remind
agree	decide	learn	require
allow	deserve	manage	seem
appear	encourage	mean	struggle
arrange	expect	need	swear
ask	fail	offer	teach
beg	forbid	order	tell
not care	force	permit	threaten
cause	get	persuade	urge
challenge	hesitate	plan	wait
choose	hire	prepare	warn
claim	hope	pretend	wish
consent	instruct	promise	would like

Verbos que sólo pueden ser seguidos por gerundios:

admit	enjoy	quit
anticipate	escape	recall
appreciate	finish	recollect
avoid	can't help	recommend
complete	keep	resent
consider	mention	resist
delay	mind	risk
deny	miss	suggest
discuss	postpone	tolerate
dislike	practise	understand

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