

## Verbs followed only by the gerund:

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| admit     | like          |
| avoid     | love          |
| deny      | mind          |
| dislike   | miss practise |
| enjoy     | prefer        |
| feel like | recommend     |
| finish    | spend time    |
| hate      | stop          |
| keep      | suggest       |

## Verbs followed only by the to infinitive:

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| (can't) afford | need       |
| agree          | pretend    |
| decide         | promise    |
| expect         | refuse     |
| forget         | remember   |
| help           | seem       |
| hope           | try        |
| learn          | want       |
|                | would like |

# Gerunds & Infinitives

## Gerunds and Infinitives - Level 1

### Infinitives (to + verb)

#### Would

|              |                                        |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| would like   | I would like <b>to go</b> home now.    |
| would love   | I would love <b>to see</b> you again!  |
| would prefer | I would prefer <b>to take</b> the bus. |
| would hate   | I would hate <b>to upset</b> you.      |

#### Common verbs

|        |                                             |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|
| want   | Where do you want <b>to go</b> ?            |
| plan   | We are planning <b>to visit</b> next year.  |
| decide | What did you decide <b>to do</b> ?          |
| hope   | I'm hoping <b>to study</b> there next year. |
| need   | We need <b>to be</b> there at 07:30.        |
| try    | What are you trying <b>to say</b> ?         |
| agree  | He agreed <b>to pay</b> 50% now.            |

#### With an object

|        |                                          |
|--------|------------------------------------------|
| ask    | I didn't ask you <b>to wait</b> for me.  |
| tell   | I told you <b>to be</b> here on time.    |
| need   | I need you <b>to help</b> me with this.  |
| want   | She wants me <b>to buy</b> a new car.    |
| expect | We expected him <b>to win</b> the match. |

#### Negatives

|             |                                           |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| decide not  | We decided <b>not to go</b> to the party. |
| try not     | I will try <b>not to do</b> it again.     |
| ask __ not  | I asked you <b>not to call</b> me again.  |
| tell __ not | I told you <b>not to tell</b> anyone.     |

## Gerunds (+ing)

### Likes/dislikes

|            |                                        |
|------------|----------------------------------------|
| adore      | I adore <b>skating</b> .               |
| don't mind | I don't mind <b>cooking</b> .          |
| would mind | Would you mind <b>talking</b> quieter? |
| enjoy      | I enjoy <b>reading</b> novels.         |

### Processes

|        |                                         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| keep   | Keep <b>going</b> ! Don't stop!         |
| stop   | It's stopped <b>raining</b> !           |
| finish | I've finished <b>painting</b> the wall. |

### Prepositions

|                       |                                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| be interested in      | I'm interested in <b>learning</b> more about it.     |
| think of              | What do you think of <b>skiing</b> ?                 |
| be looking forward to | I'm looking forward to <b>seeing</b> you again soon! |
| before                | Turn off the light before <b>going</b> out.          |
| after                 | Add the salt after <b>mixing</b> in the flour        |

### With an object

|       |                                           |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| spend | I spend an hour <b>running</b> every day. |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|

## +ing or to + verb

|        |                                                           |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| love   | I love <b>driving</b> = I love <b>to drive</b>            |
| like   | I like <b>swimming</b> = I like <b>to swim</b>            |
| hate   | I hate <b>cleaning</b> = I hate <b>to clean</b>           |
| prefer | I prefer <b>walking</b> to work = I prefer <b>to walk</b> |
| start  | It started <b>raining</b> = It started <b>to rain</b>     |

## Base form

### Modal verbs

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| can   | I can't <b>drive</b> .         |
| will  | She will <b>be</b> here soon.  |
| may   | We may <b>be</b> late          |
| shall | What shall we <b>do</b> ?      |
| must  | You really must <b>try</b> it. |

### Modal verbs

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| could  | It could <b>be</b> worse.       |
| would  | You said it would <b>rain</b> ! |
| might  | I might <b>lose</b> my job.     |
| should | We should <b>go</b> now.        |

### Exceptions

|      |                                                                         |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| let  | They didn't let me <b>go</b> to the party.                              |
| make | They made me <b>tidy</b> my room.                                       |
| help | He helped me <b>fix</b> the car =<br>He helped me <b>to fix</b> the car |

# INFINITIVE vs GERUND

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## USE -ING VERB

As the subject of a sentence

- **Cheating** is not allowed.
- **Eating** candy is bad for your teeth.

After a preposition

- I'm **tired of waiting** for you.
- He's very **good at painting**.

After certain verbs

⇒ SEE VERB LIST BELOW

- I **don't mind waiting**.
- She **recommended eating** here.

⇒ VERBS + ING

avoid, enjoy, finish, hate, keep, like, love, (don't) mind, prefer, recommend, spend time, stop, suggest, etc.

Negative form: **NOT + verb-ING**

- I love **not having** to go to work.
- I hate **not hearing** from you.

## USE BARE INFINITIVE

After **do, does, did** in negative sentences and questions

- He **didn't say** anything.
- **Does** Tim **work** with you?

After modal verbs: **will, can, must, should, etc.**

- You **should come** with us.
- I **can't play** the guitar.

## USE TO-INFINITIVE

To express purpose (why?)

- I went to Madrid **to visit** some family.
- I need more time **to study** for the exam.

After **be** + adjective

- It's **important to arrive** early at the station.
- I'm **glad to see** you.

After **what, where, when, why, etc.**

- I don't know **what to eat**.
- I want to learn **how to play** the guitar.

After certain verbs

⇒ SEE VERB LIST BELOW

- Don't **forget to call** me when you get home.
- She **seems to be** distracted.

⇒ VERBS + TO INFINITIVE

decide, forget, help, hope, learn, need, offer, plan, promise, remember, seem, try, want, would like, would love, would hate, would prefer, etc.

Negative form: **NOT + TO + infinitive**

- She decided **not to enter** the competition.
- I promise **not to lie** again.