



Infinitives and Gerunds

INFINITIVE	GERUND
<p>to + (verb) I like to run.</p>	<p>(verb)ing I like running.</p>
<p>Some infinitive only verbs: offer, decide, hope, attempt, promise, agree, afford, deserve, refuse, undertake, learn, fail, seem, appear, tend, pretend, choose, demand, desire, guarantee, claim, manage, determine, expect, want, wish</p>	<p>Some gerund only verbs: consider, suggest, enjoy, deny, avoid, miss, mind, practice, postpone, resist, finish, quit, give up, put off</p>

◇ Some verbs can be used with both infinitives and gerunds
continue, like, love, begin, start, propose, neglect, stand, hate

EXAMPLES:

I love cooking.	I love to cook.
I can't stand dancing.	I can't stand to dance.
I began eating.	I began to eat.

◇ Some verbs can be used with both infinitives and gerunds, but their meaning changes depending on which is used.

forget, remember, stop, try

EXAMPLES:

I forgot calling her.	(I forgot that I had called her.)
I forgot to call her.	(I was supposed to call her, but forgot to do it.)
I remembered yelling at her.	(I remember that I did yell at her.)
I remembered to yell at her.	(I remembered that I was supposed to yell at her, and I did.)
I stopped watching TV.	(I was watching TV and then stopped.)
I stopped to watch TV.	(I stopped doing something else and started watching TV.)
I will try to exercise.	(I will attempt to exercise but might not do it.)
I will try exercising.	(I will exercise and see if I like it.)



Conversation

◇ Use INFINITIVES or GERUNDS to talk to someone.

• Some Examples

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| • What do you hate doing in the summer? | I hate working outside. |
| • What do you hope to do tonight? | I hope I can go to bed early. |
| • What do you want to quit doing? | I want to quit smoking. |

Write Your Own

Ex. *What do you like to do in the morning?*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Talk about other people

- My mother _____ .
- My father _____ .
- My boss _____ .
- My friend _____ .
- My co-worker _____ .
- My ex boyfriend/girlfriend _____ .
- My favorite musician _____ .



Conversation

◇ Write **2 TRUE** things and **1 FALSE** thing.

Gerunds

Enjoy, Miss, Quit

Ex. *I will quit smoking.* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mind, Give up, Put off

Ex. *I don't mind cleaning.* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Infinitives

Expect, Want, Promise

Ex. *I wish expect to be in bed by 12:00.* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Learn, Pretend, Afford

Ex. *I want to learn to dance...* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Gerunds or Infinitives

Like, Love, Hate

Ex. *I hate driving.* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Forget, Remember, Stop

Ex. *I won't remember to wash the dishes.* _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Conversation

◇ Choose a topic and write 3 questions about it.

 **Topic 1: IN 20 YEARS**

1. What do you look forward to doing in twenty years?

I look forward to retiring in twenty years.

2. What do you expect to do in twenty years?

I expect to be relaxing on a beach in twenty years.

Write your own question.

Where will you live in twenty years?

 **Topic 1: YESTERDAY**

1. What did you enjoy doing yesterday?

2. What did you decide to do yesterday?

Write your own question.

 **Topic 2: TODAY**

1. What did you put off doing today?

2. What did you resist doing today?

Write your own question.

 **Topic 3: TOMORROW**

1. What will you attempt to do tomorrow?

2. What will you avoid doing tomorrow?

Write your own question.