



GERUNDS & INFINITIVES

AFTER VERBS

A **gerund** is the **–ing form of a verb** used as a noun—*writing, studying, eating*.

An **infinitive** is **to+the simple form of the verb**—*to write, to study, to eat*.

Some verbs are followed by gerunds; others are followed by infinitives. The following are some common verbs which are followed by **gerunds**:

1. admit The child **admitted breaking** the lamp.
2. advise Doctors **advise walking** for exercise.
3. anticipate We **anticipate leaving** at 8:00.
4. appreciate I **appreciate your helping** me.
5. avoid The two cars barely **avoided hitting** each other.
6. complete He **completed writing** his paper at 2:00 a.m.
7. consider **Will** you please **consider lending** me some money?
8. delay **Don't delay writing** for the information.
9. deny She **denied making** the long-distance phone calls.
10. dislike Most people **dislike paying** bills.
11. discuss We **discussed doing** something this weekend.
12. enjoy I **enjoyed meeting** your family.
13. finish Have you **finished reading** the newspaper?
14. give up Didn't you **give up smoking**?
15. can't help I **couldn't help hearing** your conversation.
16. imagine I can't **imagine being** that wealthy.
17. include Our vacation plans **include fishing**.
18. keep (on) She **keeps hoping** he will call back.
19. mention **Did** he **mention knowing** your friend?
20. mind **Would** you **mind coming** back later?
21. miss I **miss seeing** my friends since I moved.
22. postpone Let's not **postpone discussing** this any longer.
23. practice You **should practice giving** your speech before class.
24. put off I **put off writing** my paper for three weeks.
25. quit Please **quit calling** me the wrong name!
26. recall **Do** you **recall ever meeting** him?
27. recommend Doctors **recommend eating** a balanced diet.
28. regret I **regret telling** him my problem.
29. resent I **resent being** asked these questions.
30. resist I **resisted answering** her nosy questions.
31. resume Drivers **resumed driving** fast after the police passed.
32. risk You **risk failing** if you don't do your assignments.
33. suggest I **suggest asking** your teacher about the problem.
34. talk about They're **talking about going** to the movie tonight.
35. tolerate My mother **won't tolerate lying**.
36. understand I **don't understand being** angry about that.

The following are some common verbs followed by **infinitives**:

1. afford I can't **afford to buy** anything right now.
2. agree We **agreed to talk** tomorrow.
3. appear It **appears to be** foggy outside.
4. arrange We'll **arrange to take** care of it.
5. ask* Please don't **ask me to sing**.
The student **asked to leave**.
6. beg* We **begged our teacher** not **to give** us a test.
The dog **begged to go** outside.
7. care Would you **care to come** with me?
8. claim She **claims to have** the information we need.
9. consent I **consented to drive** to the airport.
10. decide We **decided to stay** home.
11. demand He **demanded to know** what we wanted.
12. deserve She **deserves to win**.
13. expect* I **expect to hear** from them soon.
I **expect them to call** soon.
14. fail She **failed to remember**.
15. hesitate Don't **hesitate to call** if you need anything.
16. hope We **hope to leave** soon.
17. learn I'm **learning to speak** English.
18. long I **long to see** my family again.
19. manage The swimmer **managed to get** to the shore safely.
20. mean She didn't **mean to hurt** your feelings.
21. need* Do you **need to talk** to me about something?
Do you **need someone to help** you?
22. offer My parents **offered to pay** for my books.
23. plan They **had planned to leave** on Friday.
24. prepare The crew **prepared to depart**.
25. pretend The children **pretended to be** asleep.
26. promise He **promised to call** as soon as he got home.
27. refuse The criminal **refused to talk** to the police.
28. resolve He **resolved to do** better on the next test.
29. seem You **seem to be** upset about something.
30. struggle The fish **struggled to breathe** on land.
31. swear Do you **swear to tell** the whole truth?
32. threaten The workers **threatened to strike**.
33. volunteer She **volunteered to help** us.
34. wait I can't **wait to listen** to my new CD.
35. want* Do you **want to go** somewhere tonight?
Do you **want me to drive**?
36. wish He **wishes to speak** to you.
37. would like* **Would you like to come** with us?
I'd **like him to quit** talking about himself so much.

*A **noun or pronoun** can be placed between this verb and the infinitive.

The following verbs require a **noun or pronoun** *between the verb and infinitive*:

1. advise The doctor ***advised*** the patient ***to lose*** weight.
2. allow I ***allowed*** my sister ***to use*** my car.
3. invite They ***invited*** us ***to come*** for dinner.
4. cause The loud noise ***caused*** the baby ***to cry***.
5. challenge That teacher ***challenges*** students ***to excel***.
6. convince You ***convinced*** me ***to see*** that movie.
7. dare You shouldn't ***dare*** people ***to do*** something risky.
8. encourage She ***encouraged*** me ***to apply*** for the scholarship.
9. forbid My parents ***forbad*** me ***to stay*** out late.
10. force No one ***is forcing*** you ***to go***.
11. help Can you ***help*** me ***to carry*** this?
12. hire The company ***hired*** John ***to work*** this summer.
13. instruct She ***instructed*** me not ***to tell*** anyone her secret.
14. invite I ***invited*** some friends ***to play*** golf with me.
15. order The manager ***ordered*** the loud customers ***to leave***.
16. permit Would you ***permit*** me ***to use*** your car this afternoon?
17. persuade They ***persuaded*** me ***to take*** a little taste.
18. remind ***Remind*** me ***to call*** home before we leave.
19. require The law ***requires*** children ***to attend*** school until age 16.
20. teach My friend ***taught*** me ***to drive***.
21. urge The coach ***urged*** the athlete ***to run*** faster.
22. warn The lifeguard ***warned*** the children not ***to run***.

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