

Gerunds and Infinitives after Verbs

Verbs Followed by the Gerund

anticipate	discuss	mind	recommend
appreciate	dislike	miss	resent
avoid	encourage	postpone	resist
can't stand	enjoy	practice	risk
complete	finish	prohibit	suggest
delay	keep	quit recall	tolerate
deny	mention	recollect	understand

Examples:

I can't stand being late for class!

I enjoy studying grammar.

Many teachers prohibit using electronic dictionaries for tests.

I couldn't resist eating the chocolate cake on the counter.

Verbs Followed by the Infinitive

Afford	demand	need	struggle
Agree	deserve	offer	swear
appear	expect	offer	threaten
arrange	expect	plan	try
ask	fail	prepare	volunteer
beg	hesitate	pretend	wait
care	hope	promise	want
claim	learn	refuse	wish
consent	manage	refuse	
decide	mean	seem	

Examples:

I expect to do well on the exam.

I want to read that brilliant new grammar guide.

She needs to learn English to succeed in her career.

Verbs Followed by the Gerund *OR* the Infinitive

with little/no change in meaning

begin
love
try

continue
prefer

hate
like

start
attempt

Examples:

I love studying/to study grammar.

I hate being/to be late for class.

I prefer attending/to attend evening classes.

Verbs Followed by the Gerund *OR* Infinitive with a significant change in meaning

Stop

Remember

forget

Examples:

Will you stop to buy garlic on the way home?

Will you stop buying garlic? We have several kilos of it already.

Do you remember learning how to write?

Did you remember to turn off the lights when you left?

How could he forget visiting Ho Chi Minh City? It was so much fun!

How could he forget to visit me when he was in town? I feel so insulted.