

Verb Patterns: V + infinitive, V + Ving

Infinitives and gerunds (V + ing) are made from verbs, but they can act like nouns.

Gerunds can be subjects or objects. To make a gerund you use the base form of the verb + ing. Sometimes, the spelling changes:

I enjoy swimming. Singing is fun.



Gerunds are usually used for something that is real, or completed. They are used with specific verbs like *enjoy* and *avoid*.

Correct: Ali enjoys swimming.
Correct: Ali avoided talking to Ahmed.

Incorrect: Ali enjoys to swim.
Incorrect: Ali avoided to talk to Ahmed.

Infinitives are made by using to + the base form of the verb. Infinitives are often used to express something that is in the future or uncompleted. They are used with specific verbs like *want* and *hope*.

Correct: I want to go there.
Correct: She wants to learn English.

Incorrect: I want going there.
Incorrect: She wants learning English.

Verbs that take only the <u>gerund</u> . <i>verb + ing</i>	Verbs that take only <u>infinitives as objects</u> . <i>to + verb</i>	Verbs that take BOTH gerunds and infinitives
avoid imagine recommend suggest enjoy finish stop	hope choose decide plan promise want try*	like love hate continue start begin prefer
And also: appreciate delay deny discuss dislike excuse keep mention mind miss postpone quit recall recent understand	And also: agree appear intend learn offer seem wait * try is sometimes used with a gerund when you experiment with something.	And also: keep, need, remember

EXERCISE A. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

Example: *Michael is planning to go to India this summer.*

1. Susan loved at university.
2. Her mother enjoys candy.
3. Can you imagine in the desert in August?
4. She offered me some help, but I didn't accept it.
5. Do you mind that question again?
6. Sumeya promised harder for her final exams.
7. Mariam chose home instead of travelling to Oman with her family.
8. They all agreed harder next time.
9. We prefer tea rather than coffee.
10. Hurry up and finish we need to go to university now!



Ex. B: Fill in the blank using the gerund or the infinitive of the (verb in parentheses).

1. Ali hopes _____ for the test tonight. (study)
2. Mohammed enjoys _____ football. He wants _____ for Al Ain! (play)
3. Angela avoided _____ to Sophie because they had an argument yesterday. (talk)
4. Marcos imagines _____ an astronaut and going into space one day. (be)
5. They chose _____ to Bawadi Mall for lunch.(go)
6. The man had to keep _____ even though he'd hurt his foot.(go)
7. Ali recommended _____ weights to get in shape. (lift)
8. The student stopped _____ after the first exam. (study)
9. Fatima wanted _____ TV, but it was broken. (watch)
10. Ahmed plans _____ a new car. He wants a Ferrari! (buy)
11. Abdulaziz decided _____ a new job. His current job is too boring. (find)
12. William recommended _____ France for a holiday. (visit)



Ex. C: Write a sentence using the verb (in parentheses) and either a gerund or an infinitive.

Example: (plan) We planned to go to Dubai last weekend, but I had to study for a test.

13. (choose)
14. (like)
15. (avoid)
16. (recommend)
17. (suggest)

Ex. D: Complete the following paragraph by filling the blanks with correct verb forms.

We usually love studying English at university. Last week, our teacher started
 _____ (introduce) a new grammar point. She told us that the rules of
 these particular grammar points were easy: some verbs are followed by infinitives
 while others need _____ (be) followed by V + ing. She put the verbs into
 categories and showed us how to use them correctly. Then she suggested
 _____ (memorize) them right away.

The next day, our teacher reviewed different verbs. She wanted us
 _____ (remember) them. Unfortunately, two days ago she found
 out that we hadn't begun _____ (study) the verbs. She was not happy
 about that, so she decided _____ (give) us a quiz today.

We don't want _____ (take) tests. Actually, we
 hate _____ (do) tests! But if we study, we will avoid
 _____ (get) low marks in important
 examinations. So here we are, studying grammar in the
 library. ☹️

