

Gerunds vs Infinitives

verb + -ing or to + infinitive

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KEY RULE:

Some verbs take gerund, some infinitive; some change meaning with each.

1 Gerund or infinitive?

EASY

Choose the correct form.

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| 1. She enjoys ____ by the sea. (walk) | 2. He decided ____ a new laptop. (buy) |
| 3. They suggested ____ a diff route. (take) | 4. I avoid ____ on weekends. (drive) |
| 5. She wants ____ abroad next year. (study) | 6. We finished ____ the report. (write) |
| 7. He promised ____ on time. (arrive) | 8. They kept ____ the same mistake. (make) |
| 9. She agreed ____ the meeting. (attend) | 10. I don't mind ____ for you. (wait) |

2 Change of meaning verbs

MEDIUM

Choose the correct form based on meaning.

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|--|---|
| 1. I remember ____ her at the party. (see) | 2. Remember ____ your medicine! (take) |
| 3. She stopped ____ (gave up smoking). | 4. He stopped ____ a newspaper. (buy) |
| 5. Try ____ a different approach. (use) | 6. Try ____ a doctor about it. (see) |
| 7. He forgot ____ her at the cafe. (meet) | 8. Don't forget ____ the lights. (turn off) |
| 9. I regret ____ that policy. (introduce) | 10. We regret ____ you of the delay. (inform) |

3 Gerunds after prepositions

HARD

Fill in with the gerund or infinitive.

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|--|---|
| 1. She's interested in ____ languages. (learn) | 2. He's good at ____ problems. (solve) |
| 3. I'm looking forward to ____ you. (see) | 4. Thank you for ____ so patient. (be) |
| 5. She's capable of ____ better. (do) | 6. I'm not used to ____ up early. (get) |
| 7. He insisted on ____ the bill. (pay) | 8. She's tired of ____ excuses. (hear) |
| 9. We talked about ____ abroad. (move) | 10. He left without ____ goodbye. (say) |

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Mixed practice

HARD

Choose gerund or infinitive (tricky cases).

1. It's worth ____ this film. (watch)

3. She's used to ____ alone. (live)

5. I'd rather ____ at home tonight. (stay)

7. Would you mind ____ the window? (open)

9. They allowed her ____ early. (leave)

2. I can't help ____ at his jokes. (laugh)

4. He used to ____ the bus. (take)

6. She managed ____ first place. (reach)

8. He seems ____ upset about it. (be)

10. She admitted ____ the money. (take)

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Basic gerund/infinitive

1 walking

2 to buy

3 taking

4 driving

5 to study

6 writing

7 to arrive

8 making

9 to attend

10 waiting

2 Exercise 2 Meaning-change verbs

1 meeting

2 to take

3 smoking

4 to buy

5 using

6 to see

7 meeting her

8 to turn off

9 introducing

10 to inform

3 Exercise 3 Gerunds after prepositions

1 learning

2 solving

3 seeing

4 being

5 doing

6 getting

7 paying

8 hearing

9 moving

10 saying

4 Exercise 4 Mixed tricky cases

1 watching

2 laughing

3 living

4 take

5 stay

6 to reach

7 opening

8 to be

9 to leave

10 taking