

Reference Lists – Gerunds and Infinitives

Common verbs and phrases that are followed by a gerund

- admit
- advise
- avoid
- be used to
- can't help
- can't stand
- consider
- deny
- discuss
- dislike
- end up
- enjoy
- feel like
- finish
- forget
- get used to
- give up
- go on
- have difficulty
- have problems
- have trouble
- imagine
- it's no use
- it's worthwhile
- keep
- look forward to
- mention
- mind
- miss
- recommend
- remember
- quit
- spend time
- stop
- suggest
- understand
- waste time
- work at

Common verbs that can be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive without causing a change in meaning

- begin
- continue
- hate
- intend
- like
- love
- prefer
- start

Common verbs that can be followed by a gerund or infinitive but with a change in meaning

- forget
- remember
- stop

Common verbs that are followed by an infinitive

- afford
- agree
- appear
- arrange
- ask
- care
- decide
- demand
- expect
- fail
- forget
- hope
- learn
- manage
- mean
- offer
- plan
- prepare
- pretend
- promise
- refuse
- remember
- seem
- stop
- volunteer
- wait
- want
- wish

Common verbs that are directly followed by a noun or pronoun and then by an infinitive

- advise
- allow
- ask
- cause
- challenge
- command
- convince
- expect
- forbid
- force
- hire
- instruct
- invite
- order
- pay
- permit
- program
- remind
- teach
- tell
- urge
- want
- warn