

Verbs Followed by **Gerunds & Infinitives**

In English, if you want to follow a verb with another action, you must use a gerund or infinitive.

EXAMPLE: We resumed talking.

(gerund – verb + ing) I want to see a movie. (infinitive – to + base verb)

There are certain verbs that can only be followed by one or the other, and these verbs must be memorized. Many of these verbs are listed below.

Verbs commonly followed by a gerund

EXAMPLE: "He misses playing with his friends."

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abhor
acknowledge
admit
advise
allow
anticipate
appreciate
avoid
be worth
can't help
celebrate
confess
consider
defend
delay
detest
discontinue
discuss
dislike
dispute
dread
endure
enjoy
escape
evade
explain
fancy
fear
feel like
feign
finish
forgive

give up (stop)
keep (continue)
keep on
mention
mind (object to)
miss
necessitate
omit
permit
picture
postpone
practice
prevent
put off
recall
recollect
recommend
report
resent
resist
resume
risk
shirk
shun
suggest
support
tolerate
understand
urge
warrant

Verbs commonly followed by an infinitive EXAMPLE: "She threatened to quit if she didn't get a raise."

agree
appear
arrange
ask
attempt
beg
can/can't afford
can/can't wait
care
chance
choose
claim
come
consent
dare
decide
demand
deserve
determine
elect
endeavor
expect
fail
get
grow (up)
guarantee
hesitate
hope
hurry
incline
learn
manage
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need neglect offer pay plan prepare pretend profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like yearn	mean
offer pay plan prepare pretend profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	need
pay plan prepare pretend profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	neglect
plan prepare pretend profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	offer
prepare pretend profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	pay
pretend profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	plan
profess promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	prepare
promise prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	pretend
prove refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	profess
refuse remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	promise
remain request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	prove
request resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	refuse
resolve say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	remain
say seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	request
seek seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	resolve
seem shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	say
shudder strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	seek
strive struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	seem
struggle swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	shudder
swear tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	strive
tend threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	struggle
threaten turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	swear
turn out venture volunteer wait want wish would like	tend
venture volunteer wait want wish would like	threaten
volunteer wait want wish would like	turn out
wait want wish would like	venture
want wish would like	volunteer
wish would like	wait
would like	want
	wish
yearn	would like
	yearn

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Verbs followed by a gerund or infinitive with little to no change in meaning: EXAMPLES: "It started to rain." ~OR~ "It started raining."

begin	
can't bear	
can't stand	
continue	
hate	

like	
love	
prefer	
propose	
start	

Verbs followed by a gerund or infinitive with a change in meaning:

forget	I forgot to meet him. (I didn't meet him because I forgot to do it.)
	I forgot meeting him. (I don't have the memory of meeting him before.)
go on	He went on to learn English and French. (He ended one period of time before this.)
	He went on learning English and French. (He continued learning the languages.)
quit	She quit to work here. (She quit another job in order to work here.)
	She quit working here. (She quit her job here. She doesn't work here anymore.)
regret	I regret promising to help you. (I'm sorry that I made the promise.)
	I regret to tell you that we can't hire you. (I'm telling you now, and I'm sorry.)
remember	She remembered to visit her grandmother. (She didn't forget to visit.)
	She remembered visiting her grandmother. (She had memories of this time.)
stop	I stopped to call you. (I interrupted another action in order to call you.)
	I stopped calling you. (I stopped this activity. Maybe we had a fight.)
try	I tried to open the window. (I attempted this action but didn't succeed.)
	I tried opening the window. (This was one option I sampled. Maybe the room was hot.)

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