

## Gerunds and Infinitives - Level 2

### Infinitives (to + verb)

#### Verbs / Phrases

<b>afford</b>	I can't afford <b>to fail</b> this exam.
<b>agree</b>	We agreed <b>to meet</b> at 09:30.
<b>can't be bothered</b>	I can't be bothered <b>to go</b> anywhere today.
<b>fail</b>	We failed <b>to solve</b> the problem.
<b>manage</b>	We managed <b>to solve</b> the problem.
<b>mean</b>	I didn't mean <b>to upset</b> you.
<b>offer</b>	The man offered <b>to carry</b> my bag.
<b>pretend</b>	I pretended <b>to like</b> the soup.
<b>refuse</b>	They refused <b>to help</b> me.
<b>wish</b>	I wish <b>to speak</b> to the manager.
<b>forget</b>	I forgot <b>to close</b> the window.

#### With an object

<b>force</b>	They forced me <b>to tell</b> them everything.
<b>get</b>	How did you get them <b>to do</b> it?
<b>take</b>	It took three hours <b>to paint</b> the wall.

### Base form

<b>might as well</b>	We might as well <b>try</b> again.
<b>would rather</b>	I would rather <b>stay</b> at home.

### Gerunds (+ing)

#### Verbs / Phrases

<b>avoid</b>	I wear a hat to avoid <b>getting</b> burnt.
<b>can't help</b>	I can't help <b>worrying</b> about it.
<b>can't stand</b>	I can't stand <b>getting</b> up early.
<b>involve</b>	The role involves <b>greeting</b> clients.
<b>quit</b>	I finally quit <b>smoking</b> last year.
<b>bother</b>	Don't bother <b>asking</b> about my day.
<b>be worth</b>	Is it worth <b>visiting</b> the museum?

#### Prepositions

<b>go on</b>	They went on <b>partying</b> all night
<b>end up</b>	I ended up <b>telling</b> her everything.
<b>insist on</b>	He insisted on <b>paying</b> for me.
<b>worry about</b>	I'm worried about <b>losing</b> it.
<b>think about</b>	I'm thinking about <b>moving</b> house.
<b>afraid of</b>	I'm not afraid of <b>flying</b> .
<b>good at</b>	I'm good at <b>singing</b> .
<b>without</b>	He left without <b>saying</b> goodbye.
<b>instead of</b>	I got a job instead of <b>going</b> to college.

#### With an object

<b>catch</b>	My parents caught me <b>smoking</b> .
<b>see</b>	The teacher saw me <b>cheating</b> .
<b>hear</b>	Nobody heard me <b>crying</b> .

### \*\*\* Different meanings \*\*\*

<b>stop</b>	I stopped <b>eating</b> = I am not smoking now. I stopped <b>to eat</b> = I stopped doing something unless in order to eat.
<b>try</b>	I tried <b>restarting</b> the computer = I restarted the computer to see what happened. I tried <b>to restart</b> the computer = I wanted to restart the computer but I couldn't do it.
<b>remember</b>	Did you remember <b>to feed</b> the cat? = You didn't forget to feed the cat, did you? Do you remember <b>feeding</b> the cat? = Do you have a memory of 'feeding the cat'
<b>be used to</b>	I <b>am used to getting</b> up early = It is normal for me to get up early now.
<b>used to</b>	I <b>used to get</b> up early = I often got up early in the past, but I don't now.