

Gerunds and Infinitives - Level 1

Infinitives (to + verb)

Would

would like	I would like to go home now.
would love	I would love to see you again!
would prefer	I would prefer to take the bus.
would hate	I would hate to upset you.

Common verbs

want	Where do you want to go ?
plan	We are planning to visit next year,
decide	What did you decide to do ?
hope	I'm hoping to study there next year.
need	We need to be there at 07:30.
try	What are you trying to say ?
agree	He agreed to pay 50% now.

With an object

ask	I didn't ask you to wait for me.
tell	I told you to be here on time.
need	I need you to help me with this.
want	She wants me to buy a new car.
expect	We expected him to win the match.

Negatives

decide not	We decided not to go to the party.
try not	I will try not to do it again.
ask __ not	I asked you not to call me again.
tell __ not	I told you not to tell anyone.

Gerunds (+ing)

Likes/dislikes

adore	I adore skating .
don't mind	I don't mind cooking .
would mind	Would you mind talking quieter?
enjoy	I enjoy reading novels.

Processes

keep	Keep going ! Don't stop!
stop	It's stopped raining !
finish	I've finished painting the wall.

Prepositions

be interested in	I'm interested in learning more about it.
think of	What do you think of skiing ?
be looking forward to	I'm looking forward to seeing you again soon!
before	Turn off the light before going out.
after	Add the salt after mixing in the flour

With an object

spend	I spend an hour running every day.
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+ing or to + verb

love	I love driving = I love to drive
like	I like swimming = I like to swim
hate	I hate cleaning = I hate to clean
prefer	I prefer walking to work = I prefer to walk
start	It started raining = It started to rain

Base form

Modal verbs

can	I can't drive .
will	She will be here soon.
may	We may be late
shall	What shall we do ?
must	You really must try it.

Modal verbs

could	It could be worse.
would	You said it would rain !
might	I might lose my job.
should	We should go now.

Exceptions

let	They didn't let me go to the party.
make	They made me tidy my room.
help	He helped me fix the car =
	He helped me to fix the car

Gerunds and Infinitives - Level 2

Infinitives (to + verb)

Verbs / Phrases

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

With an object

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

Base form

might as well	We might as well try again.
would rather	I would rather stay at home.

Gerunds (+ing)

Verbs / Phrases

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

Prepositions

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

With an object

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

*** Different meanings ***

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