

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