

# Gerund or infinitive?

- *You'd better work, guys*
- *I'm not used to pulling so much energy into nothing, actually*

# Verb+ing

- After prepositions

I'd like to put **off writing** this essay to the deadline.

- After certain verbs:

*Stop\*, enjoy, mind, suggest\*, postpone, admit, imagine, fancy, consider, deny, risk, regret, keep*

--I **admit not having done** my homework for this class.

--I'll **consider moving** to Moscow the following month.

--I suggested going to the cinema.

--Do **mind closing** the door? (Do you mind me closing the door?)

- Verb + somebody + ing

--Do you **mind me closing** the door?

--I couldn't **imagine John riding** a horse!

- Verb + (not) having + V3 (used when we talk about something we have (not) done in the past)
  - I **regret not having booked** the flights earlier this month.
- Stop can be both used with TO and ING:
  - I **stopped to** buy a drink because I was thirsty.
  - I **stopped smoking**.
- Suggest can be followed by THAT or a subject
  - I **suggested (that) we** go to the cinema.

1. He tried to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ my questions.  
(answer)
2. Could you please stop \_\_\_\_\_ so much noise?  
(make)
3. My memory is getting worse. I keep \_\_\_\_\_ things.  
(forget)
4. I've given up on \_\_\_\_\_ to lose weight – it's impossible.  
(try)

# Verb + infinitive

## 1. The list of verbs that require an infinitive **WITH TO**:

- Decide
- Offer
- Agree
- Plan
- Arrange
- Hope
- Manage
- Help (smb to do smth or help + inf without TO)
- Fail
- Deserve
- Afford (sometimes can be used with -ing)
- Forget
- Promise
- Threaten
- Learn

## 2. Also:

- Pretend
- Seem
- Appear
- Tend
- Claim

3. Dare + to/without to = no difference  
BUT

Dare not + infinitive **WITHOUT TO**

4. *Ask, decide, remember, forget, advise, understand, wonder, explain* can be followed by **what, if, whether, how, etc.**

- I **decided to** go for a run.
- I **arranged to** establish contact with aliens.
- I **hope to apply** for a college in the US.
- The prospects of working in the UK **seem to be** rather far-fetched.
- The company executives **failed to** deliver on the enhancement of company total revenue.
- I was **threatened to** lose my job in case of one more technical mishap during a promotion presentation.
- Do you think you **deserve to** study in the UK?

1. Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ the letter I gave you.  
(post)
2. There was a heavy traffic, but we managed \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport on time. (get)
3. John failed \_\_\_\_\_ a good impression at the job interview. (make)
4. We were all afraid to speak up. No one dared \_\_\_\_\_ anything. (say)

1) Verb + that + clause ( subject + verb + ...)	2) Verb + (not)+ infinitive with TO	3) Verb + object + (not) + infinitive with TO	4) Verb + ing	5) Verb + Preposition + (not) + verb + ing	6) Verb +object + preposition + verb + ing
Mention Explain Point out Admit Claim Agree Promise Recommend Insist Suggest	Agree Offer Promise Threaten Refuse claim	Remind Advise Persuade Warn Invite Encourage Teach Enable Force Persuade	Deny Recommend Suggest Admit	Apologise (for) Insist (on)	Blame (sb for) Accuse (sb of)



### **3) Verb + object + (not) + infinitive**

My teacher in chemistry reminded me to be prepared for the test.

- RF President Vladimir Putin advised the EU not to obey US orders in terms of defense.
- I persuaded my sister to take my headphones with her.
- I warned him not to sell the house this year.
- I think we won't invite that tomboy to go to the beach with us.

1. My father said I could use his car.

My father \_\_\_\_\_ his car. (allow)

2. A police officer said we mustn't cross the road here.

A police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the road here.

(warn)

3. My teacher told me I could be better off not writing this essay too soon.

My teacher \_\_\_\_\_ this essay too soon.

(advise)

4. My mum made me buy these lousy jeans.

My mum \_\_\_\_\_ these awful jeans. (force)

## 5) Verb + preposition + (not) + verb + ing

- I'm fed up with **apologizing for being** late.
- PF PM **insisted on decreasing** the budget of the following year.
- I was made to **apologize for making** my rather fatuous remarks.

1. I needed to

\_\_\_\_\_ such a  
naughty teacher. (apologise)

2. She \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
cinema. (insist, go)

## 6) Verb + object + preposition + verb + ing

- My headmistress **blamed me for not being** so self-disciplined.
- I **accused her of being** amateur.

1. I was \_\_\_\_\_ my  
homework on time. (accuse, do)

2. She tried to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the dentist  
on time. (remind, go)

- **Remember**

-- I remember locking the door. (I clearly remember I did that in the past)

-- Remember to close the door, honey. ( Don't forget to that in the future)

- **Regret**

--I regret not having taken a trip to Birmingham when I was in the UK.

--I regret to inform that our right honorable friend has passed away recently.

- **Go on**

--He went on to discuss this issue form a different angle. (He switched to discussing a different thing)

--He went on talking about his adventures in Africa. (He kept doing the same thing)

1. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my mum because I realized I'd forgotten to lock the door. (stop, call)
2. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ your granny and invite her to the wedding! (call)
3. I regret \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the seminar yesterday. (be)
4. I regret \_\_\_\_\_ but I won't be able to accompany you to the theatre.