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| **Infinitives: Overview of Patterns** | | | | | | | |
| **Infinitive= *to* + verb. Gerund= verb + *-ing***  **Infinitives** and **gerunds** are formed from verbs. They are *used like nouns*. Both can have the following functions in a sentence. Sometimes either an infinitive or a gerund can be used, but often we must use one form rather than the other. Here are some examples of both forms. | | | | | | | |
| * as the subject of a sentence | | **Infinitive:** *To graduate from university takes a lot of work.*  *= It takes a lot of work to graduate from university.*  **Gerund:** *Graduating from university takes a lot of work.* | | | | | |
| * as the object of a verb | | **Infinitive:** *I want to watch TV.*  *We like to swim.*  **Gerund:** *He finished studying at midnight.*  *We like swimming*. | | | | | |
| * as noun and adjective complements | | **Infinitive:** *July is a good month to visit Canada.*  *It’s difficult to learn a new langua*ge.  **Gerund:** *She had a hard time completing this course.*  *Some people are nervous driving in the snow.* | | | | | |
| In this lesson we will focus on **infinitives as the objects of verbs. Infinitives** do not have a tense, but they generally refer to the possibility of something happening in the future. (*I want to watch a movie tonight*.) Some verbs can be followed by either infinitives or gerunds, while other verbs must be followed by infinitives (not gerunds).  **Common Verbs Followed by Infinitives** | | | | | | | |
| agree  appear  ask | decide  expect  hope | | | intend  need  offer | plan  pretend  promise | | refuse  seem  want |
| **Common Verbs Followed by Infinitives or Gerunds** | | | | | | | |
| begin  continue | | | hate  like  love | | | prefer  start | |

*Complete the following sentences using infinitives.*

Example: He expects to graduate from college next June.

1. I **asked** my roommate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. My boss **refused** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Our family **plans** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The child **pretended** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Our teacher **promises** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. My friends and I **decided** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. The waiter **offered** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Next weekend, I **want** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. The doctor said Janet **needs** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. My parents **agreed** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. Many young people **hope** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. Their dog **seems** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.