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| **Gerunds: Overview of Patterns** |
| **Gerund= verb + *-ing* Infinitive= *to* + verb.** As you may have seen in the lesson on **Infinitives, gerunds** and **infinitives** are both formed from verbs. They are both *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
 | **Gerund:** *Canoeing is fun but you need strong arms.* **Infinitive:** *To canoe is fun but you need strong arms.* (This is grammatically correct but sounds awkward, so the infinitive as subject is rarely used.) |
| * as the object of a verb

  | **Gerund:** *We enjoyed canoeing in Algonquin Park.* **Infinitive:** *We want to canoe in Algonquin Park.* |
| * as noun and adjective complements
* as objects of prepositions
 | **Gerund:** *We had a difficult time finding the answer.*  *Most Canadians are confident traveling by car.* **Infinitive:** *Winter is a good time to take a vacation.*  *It’s fun to try new kinds of food*. **Gerund:** *He is afraid of* ***flying****.* *She is interested in* ***sky diving****.*  |
| In this lesson we will focus on **gerunds as the subject and objects of verbs. Gerunds** do not have a tense, but they generally refer to events in the present or the past. (*I enjoy reading historical novels.* *I stopped smoking two years ago*.) Some verbs can be followed by either infinitives or gerunds, while other verbs must be followed by gerunds (not infinitives).  |

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| **Common Verbs Followed by Gerunds** |
| imagine missavoid | finishdiscussrecommend | practicequitrecall | admitappreciatedelay | dislikedon’t mindsuggest |
| **Common Verbs Followed by Gerunds or Infinitives** |
| begincontinue | hatelikelove | preferstart | \*remember\*forget\*stop |  |
| \*can be followed by gerunds or infinitives, but the meaning changes |

*Complete the following sentences using a GERUND.*

Example: *I thoroughly enjoy cooking Japanese food.*

1. My teacher recommended\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. You really should quit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. In order to learn English faster, I would suggest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Please remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. I can’t imagine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. We need to avoid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. By Friday, we must finish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. The thief admitted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. The bride and groom appreciated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. I left Japan ten years ago. I really miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. When I travel by plane I prefer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. A skier must practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. At our business meeting we need to discuss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

14. At the sound of the buzzer please begin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. The employee said he didn’t mind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

16. I don’t recall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

17. Because of the technical problem, the airline has to delay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

18. While I am gone, please continue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

19. The children hate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

20. Let’s go to an Italian restaurant. I love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Fill in the blanks with either the GERUND or INFINITIVE form of the verb.*

1. Health experts recommend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) fruit and vegetables every day.

2. Judy wants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new car.

3. Allison has decided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) a cooking class.

4. After we finish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the dishes, let’s go to a movie.

5. Pete recently quit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (smoke).

6. I promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (help) my mother cook dinner tonight.

7. We hope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) a nice vacation this summer.

8. The teacher seems \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) sick today.

9. You need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pay) your rent on time each month.

10. My brother refused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lend) me $20.

11. I hate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) laundry.

12. It started \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain) this morning.

13. I really miss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) my mother’s cooking.

14. My friend suggested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) camping next weekend.

15. My neighbour offered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feed) my cat while I’m away.