

## Gerunds and Infinitives: Gerunds as Objects

**FORM:** When two verbs are together, the second verb may be a **gerund** or an **infinitive**. In this case the **gerund** or **infinitive** is functioning as an object. Some verbs can only take **gerunds** as objects. Other verbs can only take **infinitives** as objects. Some verbs can take both. The verbs below are always followed by the **gerund**.

acknowledge	enjoy	practise
admit	excuse	prevent
anticipate	feel like	put off
appreciate	finish	quit
avoid	go + ACTIVITY	recall
can't help	I imagine	recollect
consider	involve	resent
defend	is no use	resist
defer	keep	resume
delay	look forward to	risk
deny	mention	stop
detest	mind	suggest
discuss	miss	tolerate
dislike	omit	understand
endure	postpone	

**EXAMPLES:** *I considered going to the movie.*  
*I considered visiting my aunt and uncle on the weekend.*

*Complete the following sentences using GERUNDS.*

1. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you finished \_\_\_\_\_
3. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_
4. She admits \_\_\_\_\_
5. We are considering \_\_\_\_\_
6. We missed \_\_\_\_\_
7. He denied \_\_\_\_\_

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8. The driver couldn't avoid \_\_\_\_\_
9. They appreciate \_\_\_\_\_
10. Please postpone \_\_\_\_\_

*Complete these sentences with information about yourself. Use GERUNDS in your answers.*

1. I will never quit  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. When I was a child, I used to imagine  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. To be a good English speaker requires  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. I always avoid  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. I miss  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. I usually don't tolerate  
\_\_\_\_\_.
7. I appreciate  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. I enjoy  
\_\_\_\_\_.
9. I am considering  
\_\_\_\_\_.
10. I used to resent  
\_\_\_\_\_.