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| **Gerunds and Infinitives: As Objects** | | |
|  | The verbs below can take either the **gerund** or the **infinitive** as the object. | |
|  | attempt continue prefer  begin hate propose  can’t bear like start  can’t stand love |  |
|  | I preferred **meeting** them on Wednesday. *I preferred* ***to meet*** *them on Wednesday.* | |
| BE CAREFUL: Some verbs change meaning **depending on** if an infinitive or a gerund follows them.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **REGRET** | *We* ***regret*** *to inform you that the position has already been filled.* | impersonal regret | | *I* ***regret*** *stealing that money.* | personal regret | | **TRY** | *We* ***tried*** *to close the window, but it was stuck.* | effort | | *If the room is cold,* ***try*** *closing the window or turning up the heat.* | options | | **REMEMBER** | *Mark* ***remembered*** *to mail the letter.* | something to do | | *Mark* ***remembers*** *meeting her last week.* | a memory | | **FORGET** | *Brigit* ***forgot*** *to meet him.* | something not done | | *Brigit will never* ***forget*** *living in China.* | a memory | | **STOP** | *The man* ***stopped*** *to smell the roses.* | interrupting one action to do another | | *The man* ***stopped*** *going to the gym when he broke his leg.* | ceasing to do what was previously a regular habit | | | |

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| *Use the INFINITIVE or the GERUND in the sentences below as appropriate.* |

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| 1. | They have postponed (make) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_any decision until the end of next month. |
| 2. | I am looking forward to (meet) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your fiancée, but I can’t help (wonder) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ why you have suddenly decided (get) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ married after all these years. |
| 3. | Would you mind (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a look in the bathroom to see if I remembered (turn) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_off the faucet? |
| 4. | He stopped (talk) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (listen) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

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| 5. | Aunt Joan can’t help (cry) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when she sees a sad film, so whenever she goes to the cinema she always remembers (put) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_several large handkerchiefs in her handbag. | |
| 6. | (lie) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the sun is one of my favourite hobbies. | |
| 7. | I don’t mind (work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hard all week, but I refuse (work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Sundays. | |
| 8. | Stop (look) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at me like that. I couldn’t help (step) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on your foot. The bus is so crowded. | |
| 9. | I must try (remember) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the name of the film that I saw last week. | |
| 10. | I don’t feel like (make) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch today. Let’s go out to eat. | |
| 11. | | Uncle George put off (make) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a will until he was 88 years old. |
| 12. | I could not stop (talk) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you when I saw you yesterday morning because I was late for work. | |
| 13. | It’s no use (try) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to open that drawer. It’s locked. I can’t find the key. | |
| 14. | I have nothing to do this evening because my friend forgot (tell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me our date was for tomorrow night. | |

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| *Use the following words to make complete sentences.* |

Example:

##### Mark, quit, smoke (Mark doesn’t smoke anymore.)

*Mark quit smoking.*

1. Kathy, stop, eat meat (She doesn’t eat meat anymore.)

##### 2. Norm, remember, always, take out the garbage (Norm’s roommate wants the garbage outside.)

##### 3. Gus, stop, look at the stars (Gus took a break because he wanted to look at the stars.)

##### 4. Louis, remember, hold her in his arms (Louis remembers when he held his girlfriend in his arms.)

##### 5. Naomi, stop, rent a video, on her way to work (Naomi rented a video.)

##### 6. room, be, hot, so the manager, try, open the window (The manager was not able to open

the window.)

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##### 7. Bill, try, buy stocks to make money (Bill bought stocks to make money but lost money.)

8. I, remember, go, to the Victory Café (I went to the Victory Café. I can remember the time I went.)

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