

## 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.

<b>REGRET</b>	<i>We <b>regret</b> <u>to inform</u> you that the position has already been filled.</i>	impersonal regret
	<i>I <b>regret</b> <u>stealing</u> that money.</i>	personal regret
<b>TRY</b>	<i>We <b>tried</b> <u>to close</u> the window, but it was stuck.</i>	effort
	<i>If the room is cold, <b>try</b> <u>closing</u> the window or <u>turning up</u> the heat.</i>	options
<b>REMEMBER</b>	<i>Mark <b>remembered</b> <u>to mail</u> the letter.</i>	something to do
	<i>Mark <b>remembers</b> <u>meeting</u> her last week.</i>	a memory
<b>FORGET</b>	<i>Brigit <b>forgot</b> <u>to meet</u> him.</i>	something not done
	<i>Brigit will never <b>forget</b> <u>living</u> in China.</i>	a memory
<b>STOP</b>	<i>The man <b>stopped</b> <u>to smell</u> the roses.</i>	interrupting one action to do another
	<i>The man <b>stopped</b> <u>going</u> to the gym when he broke his leg.</i>	ceasing to do what was previously a regular habit

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

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) \_\_\_\_\_.
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.

*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.)

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

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

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

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

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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.)

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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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