

Cross through the verb tense errors in these paragraphs and replace them with the correct verb tense.

Carolyn is my best friend. I remember very well the first time we meet. It was our first day of high school, and we not know any other students in class. We sit next to each other and become good friends. We found that we like the same things, especially music and basketball. We spend a lot of time together that year. We leave school ten years ago, but we meet as often as possible. For the last six months, Carolyn be work in Mexico. She work in a school as a teaching assistant. She come back to Texas next month. When she come back we have lots of things to talk about. It be nice to see her again.

We're in Los Angeles on the first stop of our around the world tour. We arrive here yesterday, and now we stay at a hotel near the airport. The flight was five hours, but we enjoy it. We watch some movies and sleep a few hours. This is unusual for me because usually I not sleep on planes. Today is a rest day for us and we not do anything special. But tomorrow we go to Hollywood see the film studios. We not decide yet what to do after Los Angeles. Joan want to drive up the coast to San Francisco, but I will prefer go south to San Diego. I send you another email next week.

Thanks for your email. Good to hear that you have good time. Mom and I are work hard. Mom have many important meetings last week. She is a little tired. I make several big sales, so I am feel good about my job. We are glad you are have fun on your trip. I think San Diego be nice to see. I suggest you go there.

We have been in California for over a week. We get back to L.A. day after tomorrow. We see many wonderful places like Yosemite National Park. We go cycling there. Yesterday, Joan have an accident on her bike. Luckily, she was not injure, but the bike was damage. We change our travel plans since I talk to you last week. Now we plan go to Hawaii. We stay there one week, then we fly to New Zealand. That be different, I'm sure! I am glad you are enjoy your new job. I think you be very successful salesman.

The infinitive form of the verb does not serve as a verb in a sentence. Decide if the words in parenthesis should be used in their verb form or in the infinitive form.

1. Mother failed (tell/ to tell) me that you called.
2. Don't forget (switch/ to switch) off the light as you leave.
3. We volunteered (sweep/ to sweep) the sidewalks.
4. I must (go/ to go) now.
5. I haven't got time (talk/ to talk) to you now.
6. Gary really likes (cook/ to cook).
7. I might (exercise/ to exercise) at the gym tomorrow.
8. We've decided (go/ to go) away for a few days.
9. I love (sleep/ to sleep) outdoors when it is cold.
10. They started (walk/ to walk) to town, but changed their mind.
11. We can't afford (spend/ to spend) money on things we don't need.
12. We want (visit/ to visit) all the historic places in Virginia.
13. They should (correct/ to correct) our exams as soon as possible.

14. My family offered (watch/ to watch) their dogs while they were away.

A gerund looks like a verb, but it is not. Gerunds are nouns. Gerunds always end in “ing”. Read these examples of sentences with gerunds.

- a) The burning oil is making lots of smoke.
- b) Farming is a job seldom pays a lot of money.
- c) Surfing the net is a waste of time.
- d) Refusing to sign the ticket makes the policeman angry.
- e) Talking is not allowed during the movie.
- f) My cat's favorite activity is sleeping.
- g) He was arrested for speeding.
- h) Keeping secrets is bad for a marriage.

Write two sentences for each verb. In the first sentence, use the verb as an infinitive. In the second, as a gerund. Be careful that you don't use the word as a verb in the present continuous tense. Read the example before beginning.

Example: verb= WORK

- a) I try to work harder than anyone else.
- b) Working hard has made me successful.

NOT: I am working hard on this project. (This sentence uses work as a verb.)

- 1. (start)
- 2. (fish)
- 3. (pay)
- 4. (answer)
- 5. (take)

Choose the gerund or the infinitive form.

- 1. Dan enjoys (seeing/ to see) a movie after work.
- 2. I miss (traveling/ to travel) now that I don't work.
- 3. Where did you learn (speaking/ to speak) Spanish?
- 4. Do you mind (helping/ to help) me translate this passage?
- 5. You never talked about (living/ to live) in Cuba.
- 6. Debra plans (studying/ to study) in Japan next summer.
- 7. I hope (graduating/ to graduate) from university in the spring.
- 8. They chose (accepting/ to accept) the teaching position in China.
- 9. I know what needs (doing/ to do) but I don't have the tools to begin.
- 10. The witness reported (seeing/ to see) the robber run from the store.