

**GERUNDS**

A gerund is a noun made from a verb by adding “ing”. The gerund form of the verb “read” is “reading”.  
 Reading helps you learn English. Her favorite hobby is reading. I enjoy reading.

**INFINITIVES** are the “to” form of the verb. The infinitive form of “learn” is “to learn”. **Read these examples of infinitives.**

To learn is important. The most important thing is to learn. He wants to learn.

**The verbs in the table below are frequently followed by gerunds.**

1. admit	2. advise	3. allow	4. avoid	5. begin	6. tolerate
7. continue	8. delay	9. deny	10. hate	11. try	12. dislike
13. dread	14. suggest	15. enjoy	16. keep	17. miss	18. practice
19. prefer	20. quit				

**Use the verbs in the table above to write sentences that include a verb followed by a gerund. Underline the gerund in your sentence. The first row has been done for you as an example.**

1. She admits stealing the necklace.
2. The doctor advises drinking lots of water with the medicine.
3. They allow smoking in this restaurant.
4. The president avoids paying income taxes.
5. We begin learning English in first grade.
6. The teacher doesn't tolerate talking in class.
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**Some verbs are frequently followed by infinitives. Write sentences with these verbs followed by an infinitive. Underline the infinitive you use. The first row has been done for you as examples.**

agree	like	arrange	ask	begin	cease
choose	continue	decide	demand	deserve	expect
forget	get	hate	like	prepare	pretend
promise	remember	start	threaten	wait	want

1. We agreed to pick up Susan at the airport.
2. She likes to dance.
3. They have arranged to fly to Beijing after the course is over.
4. I asked to stay out late, but Mother said, "no".
5. He began to talk to us about traveling in China.
6. The government ceased to provide health insurance for the poor.
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