

FUMC ESL 1-23-2025 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something about yourself.

Last Monday we reviewed infinitives and gerunds. Many students were still confused about whether to use a gerund or an infinitive. Here are some hints to help you.

Some verbs can only be followed by a gerund. They include:

admit, avoid, mind, keep, miss, delay, defend, deny, postpone, practice, propose, discuss, enjoy, finish, quit, recall, risk, imagine, suggest, involve, understand

Ex: They admitted eating the cookies. I avoid eating unhealthy foods. I don't mind helping you. I keep thinking about the victims of the earthquake. Dad quit smoking after the doctor told him to stop.

Now you provide examples with the verbs below. Be sure you follow the verb with a gerund.

1. miss:
2. delay:
3. deny
4. postpone
5. practice:
6. discuss:
7. enjoy:
8. finish:

Some verbs can only be followed by an infinitive. They include:

want, hope, expect, intend, plan, prepare, decide, choose, prefer, remember, forget, learn, manage, threaten, afford, agree, ask, demand, offer, promise, refuse, volunteer

Ex: We want to study English together. I hope to complete my master's degree by June. I intend to apply for a green card. We aren't prepared to take the TOEFL exam.

Now you give an example for the following verbs. Be sure you follow the verb with an infinitive.

1. decide:
2. choose"
3. prefer:

4. remember:
5. forget:
6. learn:
7. volunteer:
8. refuse:
9. promise:
10. volunteer
11. refuse:
12. offer:

On Monday we will practice with verbs that can be followed by gerunds OR infinitives.

Discussion:

1. Who is the most influential person in your life?
2. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of being successful?
3. What is the best decision you have made in your life?
4. What interests you about one of the people in this class?
5. If you could give yourself one superpower, what would it be?
6. Describe a time when you felt rejected.
7. Do you know how to call the police or an ambulance? Would you ever be afraid to call the police? Have you had to call the any of the emergency services before?