

FUMC ESL 1-27-2025 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Share something about yourself.

Verbs that can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive without changing the meaning

It started to rain.	It started raining.
I prefer to eat a big breakfast before I exercise.	I prefer eating a big breakfast before I exercise.
I hate to go to the dentist.	I hate going to the dentist.
Jim hates to work in the garden.	Jim hates working in the garden
Sara continued to talk after she was told to be quiet.	Sara continued talking after she was told to be quiet.
We love to scuba dive.	We love scuba diving.
I tried to lift the suitcase, but it was too heavy.	I tried lifting the suitcase, but it was too heavy.

The verbs below can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive, but it changes the meaning of the sentence. Explain the difference in meaning in the two sentences.

We stopped to eat at the hamburger restaurant.	We stopped eating at the hamburger restaurant.
I remembered to buy him a present.	I remember buying him a present.
Kim forgot to talk to Aunt Jane.	Kim forgot talking to Aunt Jane.
They need to clean the window.	The window needs cleaning.

These sentences were written by ESL students. The word order in their sentences is incorrect. How would you correct it?

1. Very bad is my English.
2. Is very interesting this class.
3. I for many hours studied the lesson.
4. I don't know what is an adjective.
5. I want to improve more my pronunciation.
6. The park went yesterday to the children.
7. The children were exhausted completely after the hike.
8. She gave to her father a gold watch.
9. He was when I called watching a movie.

10. The girl who lives next door she is my friend.
11. The book is very interesting that he gave me.
12. The man has been arrested who stole my backpack.

Discussion:

1. In your country, how old do you have to be to get a driver's license? to serve in the military? to get married? to drink alcohol?
2. What noises bother you? For example, dogs barking, traffic noise, children playing, someone playing loud music
3. What would you do if the people in the next door apartment were playing their music really loudly?
4. When you buy clothes, do you look for a particular brand? Do you prefer brand name clothes even though they might be more expensive? Do you always buy the same brand of toothpaste? What other items do you only buy a certain brand?
5. Where do you wish to live when you are very old?
6. If you could give advice to your ten year old self, what would you say?
7. In your country, are young people required to serve in the military?
8. In some countries, the population is aging. Fewer babies are being born. What problems does this cause? Is this a problem in your country?