

Verbs followed by a **to**-infinitive

Afford = *(have enough money to do something)* Can't afford = *don't have money to do or to buy something.*

Agree	Intend (ter intenção)
Arrange= <i>make plans</i>	Learn
Ask	Manage
Begin	Mean= intend
Choose	Need
Continue	Offer
Decide	Plan
Demand	
Deserve = merecer	Pretend (false cognate) = fingir
Fail	Promise
Forget	Refuse
Encourage	
Help (you can use it with or without to)	Start
Hope	Try
	Want

EXAMPLES:

*I can't **afford to go** on holiday.*

*My mother never **learnt to drive**.*

*It **began to rain**.*

*She **hopes to go** to university.*

*Did you **remember to do** your English homework?*

*Can you help me **to find** my glasses? Or Can you help me **find** my glasses?*

Verbs followed by **-ing**

Admit	Avoid
Consider	Enjoy
Finish	Give up
Imagine	Permit
Mind	Can't stand (= hate)
Miss	Put off
Practise	Risk

(Can't) help = used for saying that a person can't stop himself from doing something

Ex. *I can't help singing when I listen to some songs.*

Deny = *negar* Ex. *Dr Jekyll still denies being Mr Hyde's friend.*

Feel like = *want to do something* Ex. *Do you feel like going out tonight?*

Look forward to + verb+ing = *feel happy and excited about something that is going to happen.*
Ex: *People who love soccer are looking forward to **watching** the World Cup Championship in Russia.*

EXAMPLES:

*I always **enjoy cooking**.*

*We haven't **finished eating** yet.*

*Most restaurants do not permit **smoking**.*

Verbs followed by a *to*-infinitive or *-ing*

Hate, like, love, prefer

DO THE FOLLOWING EXERCISES.

Decide if the verbs are followed by a verb in the **gerund** or in the **infinitive** form.

1. finish

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

2. like

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

3. hope

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

4. feel like

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

5. seem

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

6. forget

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

7. start

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

8. manage

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

9. agree

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

10. avoid

- Gerund
- to + infinitive
- Both possibilities are correct.

Gerund or Infinitive? Complete the sentences.

- I **forgot** _____ the window. (**close**)
- Mary **needs** _____ early. (**leave**)
- You should **avoid** _____ in class. (**talk**)
- I'm **looking forward to** _____ my old friend. (**meet**)
- Why are they **encouraged** _____ English? (**learn**)
- She **decided** _____ Biology not Physics. (**study**)
- My friend **offered** _____ her home. (**take**)
- We **can't afford** _____ a long holiday. (**take**)
- The guy **stopped** _____ some months ago. (**smoke**)
- He **pretended** _____ sick so that he didn't have to take the test. (**be**)
- He promised _____ me back as soon as possible. (**call**)
- I don't **mind** _____ overtime. (**work**)
- Can you **help** me _____ these books? (**carry**)
- The student **continued** _____ (**talk**)
- I **can't stand** _____ TV for a long time. (**watch**)
- I **agree** _____ the truth. (**tell**)
- Do you **mind** _____ the window? (**open**)
- He **asked** _____ to the principal of the school. (**talk**)
- I **enjoy** _____ romantic stories. (**read**)
- We **promised** not _____ late. (**be**)
- The new student **asked** his teacher _____ early. (**leave**)
- I **can't stand** _____ in queues (**wait**) queue = fila
- I **need** _____ some information about Russia. (**find**)
- I **tried** _____, but I just couldn't. (**understand**)
- I didn't **mean** _____ her feelings. I'm sorry. (**hurt**)
- I usually **choose** _____ in cheap hotels when I am traveling. (**stay**)
- Some students always **put off** _____ their homework until the last possible moment. (**do**)
- The lady **demanded** _____ the manager of the shop. (**see**)
- He **deserves** _____ punished (**be**)
- I never **risk** _____ jewelry outdoors. (**wear**)

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