

gerunds

Here is a list of verbs and expressions which require a gerund.

Verb + gerund

Verb + gerund OR noun + infinitive

Verb + gerund OR an infinitive with a slightly different meaning

| verb | example |
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| admit | She admitted taking the money. |
| advise | I advise taking waterproof boots. My teacher advised me to take waterproof boots. |
| allow | We allow drinking your own alcohol. We allow you to drink your own alcohol. |
| anticipate | I anticipated returning after midnight. |
| appreciate | I appreciate getting gifts. |
| avoid | You should avoid going out alone. |
| begin | I began cycling to work. I began to cycle to work. |
| can't bear | I can't bear thinking about it. I can't bear to think about it. |
| can't help | She just can't help complaining, can she? |
| can't see | I can't see reading it again will help. |
| can't stand | He can't stand seeing me happy. He can't stand to see me happy. |
| cease | He ceased being president. He ceased to be president. |
| complete | We've completed studying for today. |
| consider | Have you ever considered going to open university? |
| continue | Continue walking along this road. Continue to walk along this road. |
| delay | I've delayed planning the wedding. |
| deny | He denied getting involved in the robbery. |
| despise | Everyone despises getting up early. |
| discuss | We've discussed moving to Berlin. |
| dislike | I dislike organising my desk. |
| don't mind | We didn't mind eating late. |

| verb | example |
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| dread | I dread going to his place. I dread to go to his place. |
| encourage | My mum encourages going to bed early. My mum encourages me to go to bed early. |
| enjoy | I've enjoyed not cycling to work. |
| finish | Finish eating before you leave the table. |
| forget | Forget walking the dog, I'll do it. Forget to walk the dog, I'll do it. |
| hate | I hate making my bed. I hate to make my bed. |
| imagine | Imagine eating 100 marshmallows? |
| involve | The task involves writing two poems in 10 minutes. |
| keep | Keep turning the knob, it'll open. |
| like | I like sleeping in at the weekend. I like to sleep in at the weekend. |
| love | I love crying over a love story. I love to cry over a love story. |
| mention | Don't mention forgetting to lock the car. |
| mind | I don't mind walking in the cold. |
| miss | I miss not seeing you every day. |
| need | The eggs need boiling. The eggs need to be boiled. |
| neglect | Please don't neglect watering my plants. Please don't neglect to water my plants. |
| permit | We don't permit talking in the library. We don't permit you to talk in the library. |
| postpone | I have postponed cancelling the hire car. |
| practice | Practice smiling, it won't kill you. |
| prefer | I prefer running in winter. I prefer to run in winter. |
| propose | I propose starting at 7. |
| quit | Quit playing games with my heart. |
| recall | I recall asking him for money. |
| recollect | I recollect seeing him in the club last night. |
| recommend | The interviewer recommends wearing smart clothes. |
| regret | I regret drinking so much. I regret to drink so much. |
| remember | We remembered feeding the fish. We remembered to feed the fish. |
| report | He reported witnessing an accident. |

| verb | example |
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| require | The competition requires entering at least two hours before. The competition requires you to enter at least two hours before. |
| resent | I resent falling for him. |
| resist | I resisted eating another piece of cheese cake. |
| risk | Alice risked revealing her identity. |
| start | I'll start asking the gang about the holiday. I'll start to ask the gang about the holiday. |
| stop | Stop turning up the tv. Stop to turn up the tv. |
| suggest | I suggested arriving later, but she said no. |
| tolerate | I've tolerated being second best for far too long. |
| try | Try thinking before you open your mouth. Try to think before you open your mouth. |
| understand | I don't understand eating dinner at 11pm! |
| urge | They urge recycling at my work. They urge us to recycle at work. |