

General rules:**A- The Gerund is used after:**

- 1- **Certain verbs:** (e.g. avoid – admit – deny – like – dislike – enjoy – finish – hate – mind – recommend – keep – risk – suggest – stop – start – spend – dread – miss – etc.).
- 2- **Adjectives + preposition:** (e.g. worried about – good at – sorry for – bored with – tired of – capable of – interested in – responsible for – bad at – keen on – fed up with – fond of – nervous about – clever at – afraid of – skilled at – terrified of – frightened of – accustomed to – etc.).
- 3- **Verb + preposition:** (e.g. apologize for – complain about – insist on – succeed in – look forward to – prevent from – reproach for – thank for – etc.).
- 4- **Certain idiomatic expressions:** (e.g. it's no use – can't stand – there is no point in – can't help – be used to – etc.).
- 5- **Since gerunds are usually used as nouns they can work as a subject or object of a sentence:** (e.g. jogging is my favourite sport – I find looking after disabled people a satisfying experience.).

B- The "full infinitive" or infinitive with to is used after:

- 1- **Certain verbs:** (e.g. afford – fail – prepare – appear – forget – promise manage – mean – refuse – choose – hope – offer – seem – decide – intend – plan – threaten – etc.).
- 2- **Certain adjectives:** (e.g. I find it too difficult to cope up with this hectic life).

NOTE: Certain verbs can either take the "ing" from or infinitive with "to" with a difference in meaning. (e.g. stop – remember – try – go on – forget – etc.).

- a- Jack stopped to talk to his friend. - He stopped talking to his friend.
 b- I don't remember locking the door. - I didn't remember to lock the door.

PRACTICE**Put the verbs in brackets in the infinitive or gerund form:**

- 1- (Exclude) women from the political scene is a hindrance to their empowerment.
- 2- I am looking forward to (see) you in Paris soon.
- 3- Thank you for (devote) some of your time to our association.
- 4- I like (keep) all my credit card receipts just in case the bank makes a mistake.
- 5- What would you like (do) next weekend.
- 6- On my way to work, I usually stop (pick up) hitchhikers, whatever they look like.
- 7- Since I got really sick, I stopped (smoke) two months ago.
- 8- After working for a long time, we stopped (have) a meal.
- 9- When I need to remember (do) something important, I make a reminder note on my smart phone.
- 10- Would you prefer (stay) at home tonight (go) out with us?
- 11- Which city in your country would you recommend (visit) ?
- 12- Do you remember (live) in this village when you were a child?
- 13- Please don't forget (book) a table for six people in the restaurant tomorrow!
- 14- I'll never get this report finished if you keep (interrupt) me.
- 15- I am bored with (do) the same thing all the time, I need a change badly.
- 16- I will never forget (tell) my first lie, it was about 20 years ago.
- 17- "If you don't take your job seriously, you risk (get) sacked" The boss said.
- 18- "Would you mind (repeat) that? I didn't really catch what you said."
- 19- (Work) for the benefit of my community is something I like.
- 20- It's no use (talk) to her. You will just waste your time. She never listens.