

Infinitive and Gerund

Infinitive

After an adjective

Example: The new computer is really *easy to use*.

After certain verbs (with to)

Example: He *refused to pay* the bill.

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| • afford | • expect | • manage | • refuse |
| • agree | • fail | • mean | • want |
| • appear | • help (also | • offer | • wish |
| • arrange | without <i>to</i>) | • plan | • would like |
| • beg | • hesitate | • prepare | • would love |
| • choose | • hope | • pretend | • would prefer |
| • decide | • learn | • promise | |

Gerund

As the subject of a clause

Example: **Cycling** is good for your health.

After a preposition

Example: I did my homework *before going out*.

Verbs followed by Gerund

Example: I *enjoy cooking*.

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| • admit | • can't stand | • finish | • practise |
| • advise | • deny | • keep | • suggest |
| • allow | • dislike | • mind | • waste time |
| • avoid | • enjoy | • miss | / money |
| • can't help | • fancy | • permit | |

Verbs with Prepositions followed by Gerund

Example: I'm *looking forward to seeing* you again soon.

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| • accuse of | • blame for | • dream about/of | • look forward to |
| • agree with | • care for | • feel like | • object to |
| • apologize for | • carry on | • forgive for | • think of |
| • ask about | • complain about | • give up | • succeed in |
| • believe in | • concentrate on | • insist on | • use for |
| • be used to | • depend on | • keep on | |

Words followed either by Infinitive or *Ing*-Form

Words with the same meaning

Example: I started to read. / I started reading.

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| • attempt | • cannot bear | • hate | • prefer |
| • begin | • cease | • intend | • start |
| • bother | • continue | • love | |