

Gerunds and Infinitives

- When are verbs followed by gerunds and when are they followed by infinitives? Study the grammar reference chart below.

Some verbs are followed only by infinitives.

For example: "He wanted to play football."

- agree
- choose
- decide
- want
- forget (to do something)
- remember (to do something)

Some verbs are followed by objects and infinitives.

For example: "My father taught me to drive a car."

- allow
- ask
- invite
- send
- teach
- warn

Some verbs are followed only by gerunds.

For example: "I enjoy watching action movies."

- avoid
- consider
- enjoy
- finish
- quit
- miss

Some verbs are followed by a preposition and gerunds.

For example: "Sometimes I worry about growing old."

- believe in
- feel like
- plan on
- talk about
- think about
- worry about

Some verbs are followed by either infinitives or gerunds with no change in meaning of the sentence.

For example: "I like to swim." OR "I like swimming."

- begin
- continue
- hate
- like
- love
- start

Some verbs are followed by either infinitives or gerunds, but there is a change in the meaning of the sentence.

For example: "I remember visiting my grandmother when I was a child."
"Did you remember to study for the test?"

- forget
- remember
- stop
- try