

# Gerunds and Infinitives

## Gerund

Verb + ing =Gerund

Read – reading

Gerunds act as nouns

Swimming has always been her favorite hobby.

Reading is her strength.

Verbs followed by gerunds: enjoy, stop( can be used with infinitives as well), appreciate, mind, quit(give up), finish, avoid, postpone (put off), delay, keep(keep on), consider, discuss, mention, suggest.

Examples:

I avoid going to the dentist.

I miss taking walks in the morning.

I have finished working.

## Infinitives

To + the simple form of the verb (to see, to read)

Infinitives act as nouns, adjectives, adverbs

You can not add s, es, ed, or ing to infinitives since they are not verbs.

I hope to finish the book today.

Maria told me to be here at five.

Verbs followed by infinitives: hope to, plan to, decide to, promise to, agree to, offer to, refuse to, seem to, appear to, pretend to, ask to, expect to, would like to, want to, need to.

Examples:

I expect to pass the test.

I plan to go to the part today.

I promise to finish my homework.

### Exercise 1

Complete each sentence with a gerund or infinitive.

1. We're going out for dinner. Would you like to join us?
2. Jack avoid looking at me.
3. I was broke, so Jenny offered \_\_\_\_\_ me a little money.
4. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor for me?
5. Even though I asked people in front of me at the movie \_\_\_\_\_ quiet, they kept \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Lucy pretended \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to my question.
7. The teacher seems \_\_\_\_\_ in a good mood today, don't you think?
8. I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
9. Mrs. Jackson warned her young son not \_\_\_\_\_ the hot stove.
10. Residents are not allowed \_\_\_\_\_ pets in my apartment building.
11. All applicants are required \_\_\_\_\_ an entrance examination.
12. Jack advised me to \_\_\_\_\_ a new apartment.

## Exercise 2

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I always remember (turn) to turn off all the lights before I leave my house.
2. I remember (play) \_\_\_\_\_ with dolls when I was a child.
3. What do you remember (do)\_\_\_\_\_ when you were a child?
4. What do you remember (do)\_\_\_\_\_ before you leave for class every day?
5. What did you forget (do) \_\_\_\_\_ before you left for a class this morning?
6. I won't ever forget (watch) \_\_\_\_\_ our team score the winning goal in the last seconds of the championship game.
7. Don't forget (do) \_\_\_\_\_ your homework tonight.
8. Please stop (bite) \_\_\_\_\_ your fingernails.
9. I stopped (get) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday and was shocked at the high price.
10. I stopped (drive) \_\_\_\_\_ so much because of the high price of the gas.

## Answer key

### Exercise 1

3. to give
4. opening
5. to be ... talking
6. to know
7. to be
8. being
9. to touch
10. to have
11. to take
12. to find

### Exercise 2

2. playing
3. doing
4. to do
5. to do
6. watching
7. to do
8. biting
9. to get
10. driving

