

language : Gerund or Infinitive

Verbs+ infinitive With to	verbs + gerund (ing)	verbs + gerund or infinitive with to
Would like – want - promise – encourage - warn- remind- decide- agree- refuse – offer- help- manage- tend- hope- deserve- attempt	spend/ waste (time) finish – like – enjoy- detest- dislike- avoid- risk- deny- postpone - imagine- mind- consider miss.....	continue- begin – start- intend – love- hate – like prefer- remember bother

Examples:

- 1- She wanted to get a job.
He would like to go to Africa.
They helped me to decorate the room.
- 2- She enjoys sailing in her spare time.
Would you mind coming with me?
The little child dreads being alone in the dark.
- 3- It has started raining.
It started to rain.

Note:

- Adjectives+ prepositions always take the gerund.
For e.g: - I'm fond of singing
- They're keen on learning Spanish.
- She's fed up with working eight hours a day.
- Most phrasal verbs also take the gerund.
For e.g: - He kept on talking even if nobody was interested.
- She apologized for being late.
- Other expressions which take the gerund are:
Can't risk- can't stand- can't bear- can't help- can't resist- fell like- look forward to – it's no use- it's no good- get used to- be used to-
For e.g: - She tried to be serious but she couldn't help laughing.
- It's no use advising him. He won't listen!!
- Some verbs take an infinitive without to.
Let- help- let's – may- might- can- could- will- must- should- shall- had better
For e.g: - Can you help me move this table?
- Let me do it myself.