

VERBS FOLLOWED BY GERUND (-ING)

anticipate

We didn't anticipate winning this match.

avoid

Let's avoid being late.

can't help

I can't help counting those calories.

complete

He completed baking the apple pie.

consider

She never considered moving to England.

delay

We delayed moving to the new house until

spring. **deny**

He will deny stealing that car.

despise

She despises asking for favours.

discuss

We discussed buying a bigger apartment.

dislike

She dislikes cooking and baking.

enjoy

She enjoys reading.

fancy

I fancy having chicken for dinner.

finish

She finished eating before everyone else.

forgive

Can you forgive me for not fixing the car?

imagine

Can you imagine living on the moon?

involve

The new project involves writing many reports.

keep

She keeps coming late!

mention

I never mentioned meeting him.

mind

Will he mind switching rooms?

miss

I miss chatting with you.

postpone

Let's postpone going out of town.

practise

He practises playing the guitar daily.

recommend

The doctor recommends resting in bed.

report

They reported seeing her leave with a stranger.

resent

He resents doing it all by himself.

resist

I can't resist liking him.

resume

They resumed talking after the teacher left.

risk

Would you risk losing everything?

suggest

I suggest not taking him too seriously.

tolerate

We can't tolerate being screamed at.

understand

He couldn't understand her leaving so suddenly.

worth

It's worth visiting the cathedral if you have

time.

VERBS FOLLOWED BY INFINITIVE (WITH 'TO')

afford

He has no money so he can't afford to buy a car.

agree

They agreed to give him a try.

appear

He appeared to know everything.

arrange

I have arranged to meet him on Monday.

ask

She asked to see her doctor.

choose

We chose to ignore it.

claim

He claims to be an expert.

decide

She decided not to go to the party.

demand

I demand to see the person in charge!

deserve

He deserves to win the contest.

expect

He expected to be home sooner.

fail

They failed to follow the instructions.

get

It's not fair that she gets to see him first.

happen

I happened to pass by, so we had a chat.

hesitate

Don't hesitate to call.

hope

I hope to see you soon.

intend

She didn't intend to hurt you.

learn

He learned to speak Spanish very quickly.

manage

We managed to finish everything on time.

offer

He offered to go for a walk.



prepare

We were preparing to leave when he arrived.

pretend

She pretended not to hear a word.

promise

She promised to take us with her next time.

refuse

I refuse to cooperate.

seem

It seems to be broken.

swear

He swore to take revenge.

tend

These plants tend to grow slowly.

threaten

He has threatened to hurt us.

wait

The runners were waiting to start.

want

I want to speak with you in private.

wish

I wish to change my address.

would like

I would like to make a comment

VERBS FOLLOWED BY BARE INFINITIVE (WITHOUT 'TO')

may can

could

When I was young I could play the piano.

I can help you if you have any problems.

had better

You had better finish your homework before it's

too late.

let (+object +verb)

My parents never let me go out late when I was

young.

make (+object +verb)

The boss made her employees stay late.

I may go to the party, but I'm not sure.

might

They might make money with the new business

must

You must renew your passport before travelling

abroad.

should You should try the new restaurant in the centre.

would rather

I would rather cook at home than eat out.

VERBS FOLLOWED BY BOTH GERUND AND INFINITIVE WITH NO CHANGE IN MEANING

can't stand

She can't stand sitting in the sun when it's hot. She can't stand to sit in the sun when it's hot.

continue

He continued talking when I asked him to stop.

He continued to talk when I asked him to stop.

prefer

We prefer eating dinner early.

We prefer to eat dinner early.

start

She started working at the company in May.

She started to work at the company in May.

VERBS FOLLOWED BY BOTH GERUND AND INFINITIVE WITH DIFFERENT MEANING

forget regret

He forgot <u>lending</u> me the money. (He has no memory of lending the money.)

He forgot to lend me the money.

(He forgot to complete the intended action.)

I regret going to your wedding.

(I went, and now I regret it.)

I regret to tell you I can't go to your wedding.

(I feel bad that I plan to tell you that I won't go.)

remember

I remember <u>locking</u> the storage.

(I have a memory of locking the storage.)

I must remember to lock the storage.

(I must remember to complete the intended

action.)

stop

She stopped chatting.

(She was chatting, and then she stopped.)

She stopped to chat.

(She was doing something, then she stopped and

chatted.)

need

The house needs cleaning. (Passive voice, we don't know who will clean.)

We need to clean the house

(Active voice, the subject does the action.)

try

They tried <u>using</u> bleach to clean the stain.

(They experimented with bleach as an option.)

They tried to use bleach to clean the stain.

(The attempt to use bleach was a failure.)