

Gerunds and Infinitives

- ❑ First rule: THERE ARE NO RULES HERE!
- ❑ So: learn verbs always with the right verb+verb pattern
- ❑ Ex.: suggest doing sth
 - or: suggest that they should do sth

Verbs with gerunds: „liking” verbs

- ☐ like
- ☐ enjoy
- ☐ hate
- ☐ loathe
- ☐ (don't) mind
- ☐ love
- ☐ can't bear
- ☐ dislike

doing sth

I love helping people in need.

She hates buying expensive clothes

But **to do sth** is also possible

I like to dance on Sundays.

After **would**, only **to do sth**
I would like to ask a question.

I like to...

- ☐ I like to get up early (I think it is sensible)
- ☐ I like the idea of getting up early (but I cannot do it)
- ☐ I would like to get up early (I really wish I could...)
- ☐ I like your getting up early (because you prepare breakfast)

Verbs with gerunds: tricky verbs and expressions

❑ It is worth **doing sth**

❑ There is no

❑ There is no point (in)

❑ There is no use

❑ It is no good

❑ Have difficulty (in)

❑ Have problem (in)

❑ suggest

There is no point in waiting any longer

It is no good asking her

I have problem (in) understanding you.

I suggest (our) opening that envelope immediately.

Verbs with infinitives/Gerunds: two meanings

- ☐ Stop
- ☐ Try
- ☐ Mean
- ☐ Regret
- ☐ Remember
- ☐ Forget
- ☐ be afraid

to do/ doing sth

Stop talking!

We stopped to talk for a moment.

Try changing the melody a bit.

Try to understand me

I don't mean to be rude

Living here means earning little money.

I am afraid of living/to live so high.

I am afraid of getting killed by a bandit.

Verbs with infinitives – opinion verbs

- ☐ Believe
- ☐ Think
- ☐ Assume
- ☐ Consider
- ☐ Feel
- ☐ Know
- ☐ Suppose
- ☐ Understand
- ☐ (and some others)

believe sb to do sth

I believe you to be right.

She thinks him to be older than her.

We consider him (to be) the best candidate.

I know him to possess much more money than me.

The president is assumed to know foreign languages.

Verbs with bare infinitives

- ☐ Let
- ☐ Make
- ☐ Have

Let sb do sth

Please, let him go.

- ☐ and „sensing“ verbs:
- ☐ see
- ☐ hear
- ☐ notice
- ☐ smell
- ☐ taste
- ☐ feel

Don't make me help you.

I will have him confess the truth.

I saw him enter your room!

She heard you say that.

I felt the earth tremble.

But: ...ing also possible

I heard her singing.

I heard her sing the whole song.

Verbs with prepositions: gerund

- ☐ succeed in
- ☐ be involved in
- ☐ look forward to
- ☐ be sorry for
- ☐ apologize for
- ☐ consist in/of
- ☐ be responsible for
- ☐ approve of
- ☐ dream of/about
- ☐ excuse sb for

succeed in doing sth

He succeeded in opening his own business

I am looking forward to meeting you.

She is responsible for organizing the party.

I don't approve of smoking.

I dream about having a huge house full of children.

Excuse me for interrupting you.

Some other problems

❑ need (passive or active)?

I need to clean the car

❑ want

The car needs cleaning

❑ go on (continue or do sth different)?

He went on singing

He sang and then went on to speak.

❑ advise, allow, permit, *recommend* (object or no object)?

I don't allow you to smoke in my room.

I don't allow smoking in my room.

I recommend you to buy it.

(problematic!) Better: I recommend that you should buy...

I recommend buying it.

Quiz

- ☐ suggest (leave)
- ☐ remember (phone)
- ☐ turn out (be true)
- ☐ deny (steal)
- ☐ admit (borrow)
- ☐ refuse (help)
- ☐ manage (come)
- ☐ promise (buy)
- ☐ resist (watch)
- ☐ pretend (be)
- ☐ risk (be late)
- ☐ postpone (send)
- ☐ there is no point (wait)

I suggest (our) leaving now.

Please remember to phone me.

The story turned out to be true.

Don't deny stealing my pen!

She admitted borrowing it.

We refused to help them.

They didn't manage to come.

Promise to buy me a present.

I couldn't resist watching the film.

She pretended to be ill.

We risked being late.

Don't postpone sending it.

There's no point in waiting any longer.