

# Verb -ing or (to) Infinitive

## GRAMMAR

The *infinitive* is used after **modal verbs**

- I should quit this job

The *to infinitive* is used **after ...**

- **semi - modals** ( I have to run to the toilet)
- **Certain verbs** ( I attempted to convince my boss for a raise but was unsuccessful)
- **Certain verbs + object** (You can't force people to like rugby no matter how hard you try.)

Verb -ing is used...

- Some **verbs** which express **dis/likes** (I loathe eating Russian salad).
- But note these **exceptions**; love/hate/like/prefer are usually by verb -ing but can be filled by *to infinitive*.
- **Would + love/hate/like/prefer** is always filled by the to infinitive ( I would hate to get up early everyday)
- **Certain verbs** (The Prime Minister finally finished talking after an hour and forty-five minutes of harping on..)

A **small number of verbs** can be followed by both..

- With no change in meaning (I've just started to learn/learning to be a full stacker)

**NOTE:** with verbs like/love/hate there is a slight change in meaning

- I like to go to the gym every week. (the focus is on the result)
- I like going to the gym every week. (The focus is on the action itself)

### Verbs expressing perception

- I saw the plane land. (I saw the whole action)
- I saw the plane landing. (I saw part of the action)

### Forget

- I forgot to do my work.(I didn't do it)
- I forgot doing my work.(I did it but I don't remember)

### Remember



- I remember logging out yesterday. (I am recalling something)
- I remember to log out every day. ( I have to do and I do it)

### Regret

- I regret telling Claudio he couldn't eat junk food. (I wish i hadn't told him because he got angry)
- I regret to tell you Claudio you can't eat junk food anymore ( I am sorry i had to tell him the unwelcome news)

### TASK: Finish the sentences so they are true for you.

This year I hope (to + infinitive) \_\_\_\_\_.

At the weekend I enjoy (verb-ing) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tomorrow I have to (infinitive) \_\_\_\_\_.

Today I must (infinitive) \_\_\_\_\_.

At the beach I attempted (to + infinitive) \_\_\_\_\_.

I always \_\_\_\_\_ before (verb -ing) \_\_\_\_\_.

I never remember ( to + infinitive) \_\_\_\_\_.

I remember ( verb -ing) \_\_\_\_\_.

### TASK: Are the verbs in the box followed by the to + infinitive or verb -ing?

afford	admit	agree	avoid	can't help	choose	deny	expect
must	finish	hope	enjoy	keep on	mind	offer	pretend
		promise	refuse	resent	risk	suggest	put off

Verb - ing	To + infinitive



**TASK:** Write five sentences below but omit the verb(verb -ing or to + infinitive) then give it to the person on your right to complete.

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