

B1

GERUNDS/INFINITIVES

≈ 27 MIN

Gerunds and Infinitives after Common Verbs — *practice on paper*

You know the most common complement patterns - now reinforce -ing, to-infinitive, and person plus to-infinitive with fresh examples.

Learn the first verb with its complement:

enjoy + -ing

, decide + to-infinitive,

tell + person + to-infinitive

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YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

2 · FILL-IN

3 · CORRECT

4 · WRITE

BRICK 1 · SORT BY COMPLEMENT · APPROX. 4 MIN

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Sort each phrase. On the left, the first verb is followed by an **-ing form**. On the right, it is followed by a **to-infinitive**.

enjoy solving puzzles

avoid booking late

finish checking the totals

suggest taking a break

keep asking questions

decide to change supplier

promise to send the agenda

offer to explain the process

plan to hire an intern

need to update the password

VERB + -ING

VERB + TO-INFINITIVE

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE WITH THE RIGHT FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN

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Use the verb in brackets as an -ing form or to-infinitive. Check whether a person stands between the two verbs.

- 01 Our team enjoys _____ new campaign ideas. (share)
- 02 Mia promised _____ the results by noon. (send)
- 03 I asked Ruben _____ the side door. (lock)
- 04 They finished _____ the new labels. (print)
- 05 We plan _____ the Bristol branch in September. (visit)
- 06 Do you mind _____ notes during the call? (take)
- 07 Our director told us _____ both copies. (keep)
- 08 I look forward to _____ your workshop next week. (attend)

YOUR BUILD

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence contains exactly one mistake in the complement pattern. Underline it and write the complete sentence correctly.

01 I enjoy to solve difficult customer problems.

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02 We decided moving the training session online.

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03 The manager asked to Elena check the figures.

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04 Ravi suggested to invite the support team.

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05 I look forward to meet your new colleague.

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06 The supplier promised delivering the parts on Tuesday.

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BRICK 4 · WRITE WITH THE THREE PATTERNS · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write your own English sentence for each prompt. Always retrieve the first verb together with its complement.

01 Plan: write a sentence with decide or plan + to-infinitive about next week at work.

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02 Suggestion: write a sentence with suggest + -ing about a meeting.

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03 Request: write a sentence with ask + person + to-infinitive about a task.

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04 Two possible forms: write a sentence with start + -ing or start + to-infinitive.

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MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ After enjoy, avoid, finish, suggest, mind, and keep, I use an -ing form.
- ☐ After decide, promise, offer, plan, want, and need, I use a to-infinitive.
- ☐ With ask or tell, a person can stand before the to-infinitive.
- ☐ After look forward to, I use -ing; start allows both forms with no real meaning change.

Not secure on every point yet? Underline the first verb, name its complement pattern, and then try the sentence again.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| <p>01 Verb + -ing - enjoy solving puzzles
<i>Enjoy is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> <p>02 Verb + -ing - avoid booking late
<i>Avoid is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> <p>03 Verb + -ing - finish checking the totals
<i>Finish is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> <p>04 Verb + -ing - suggest taking a break
<i>Suggest is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> <p>05 Verb + -ing - keep asking questions
<i>Keep is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> | <p>06 Verb + to-infinitive - decide to change supplier
<i>Decide is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>07 Verb + to-infinitive - promise to send the agenda
<i>Promise is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>08 Verb + to-infinitive - offer to explain the process
<i>Offer is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>09 Verb + to-infinitive - plan to hire an intern
<i>Plan is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>10 Verb + to-infinitive - need to update the password
<i>Need is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> |
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BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| <p>01 Our team enjoys sharing new campaign ideas.
<i>Enjoy is followed by the -ing form sharing.</i></p> <p>02 Mia promised to send the results by noon.
<i>Promise is followed by the to-infinitive to send.</i></p> <p>03 I asked Ruben to lock the side door.
<i>Ask takes a person plus a to-infinitive here.</i></p> <p>04 They finished printing the new labels.
<i>Finish is followed by the -ing form printing.</i></p> | <p>05 We plan to visit the Bristol branch in September.
<i>Plan is followed by the to-infinitive to visit.</i></p> <p>06 Do you mind taking notes during the call?
<i>Mind is followed by the -ing form taking.</i></p> <p>07 Our director told us to keep both copies.
<i>Tell takes a person plus a to-infinitive here.</i></p> <p>08 I look forward to attending your workshop next week.
<i>In look forward to, to is a preposition followed by -ing.</i></p> |
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BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| <p>01 I enjoy solving difficult customer problems.
<i>Enjoy takes -ing, not a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>02 We decided to move the training session online.
<i>Decide is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>03 The manager asked Elena to check the figures.
<i>With ask, the person stands before the to-infinitive.</i></p> | <p>04 Ravi suggested inviting the support team.
<i>Suggest is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> <p>05 I look forward to meeting your new colleague.
<i>The preposition to in look forward to is followed by -ing.</i></p> <p>06 The supplier promised to deliver the parts on Tuesday.
<i>Promise is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> |
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BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ - check which complement pattern the first verb requires.

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| <p>01 We plan to review the supplier list next week.
<i>Plan is followed by a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>02 I suggest starting the meeting at nine.
<i>Suggest is followed by an -ing form.</i></p> | <p>03 We asked Noor to update the contact list.
<i>Ask takes a person plus a to-infinitive.</i></p> <p>04 The team started testing the new form this morning.
<i>Start allows the -ing form here with no real meaning change.</i></p> |
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