

Gerund or Infinitive?

Verbs followed by a gerund:

admit - They admitted falsifying the data.

advise - The doctor advises taking these pills twice a day.

anticipate - He anticipates having trouble with his supervisor.

appreciate - I appreciated having a chance to talk to you.

avoid - He avoided answering my question.

complete - I finally completed writing my report.

consider - They will consider lending you money.

delay - We delayed reporting the results until we were sure.

deny - They denied copying the information.

discuss - They discussed running the experiments again.

involve - This procedure involves testing each sample twice.

justify - My results justify taking drastic action.

mention - The author mentions seeing this event.

postpone - The committee has postponed writing the report.

recall - I cannot recall getting those results before.

recommend - She recommends reading Marx.

resist - The writer resists giving any easy answers.

risk - She risks losing her viewing time.

suggest - I suggest repeating the experiment.

tolerate - She can't tolerate waiting for results.

Verbs followed by an infinitive:

afford - We cannot afford to hesitate.

agree - The professors agreed to disagree.

appear - The results appear to support your theory.

arrange - They had arranged to meet at noon.

beg - I beg to differ with you.

care - Would you care to respond?

claim - She claims to have new data.

decide - When did he decide to withdraw?

demand - I demand to see the results of the survey.

deserve - She deserves to have a fair hearing.

expect - The committee expects to decide by tomorrow.

fail - The trial failed to confirm his hypothesis.

hesitate - I hesitate to try the experiment again.

hope - What do you hope to accomplish?

learn - We have learned to proceed with caution.

manage - How did she manage to find the solution?

need - Do we need to find new subjects?

offer - We could offer to change the time of the meeting.

plan - They had planned to attend the conference.

prepare - He was not prepared to give a lecture.

pretend - I do not pretend to know the answer.

promise - They promise to demonstrate the new equipment.

refuse - She refused to cooperate any longer.

seem - Something seems to be wrong with your design.

struggle - We struggled to understand her point of view.

swear - He swears to tell the truth.

wish - Do you wish to participate?

want - I don't want to go.

Complete with gerund or infinitive

1. Dan enjoys _____ (watch) science fiction movies.
2. Cheryl suggested _____ (watch) a movie after work.
3. I miss _____ (work) in the travel industry.
4. Where did you learn _____ (speak) Spanish?
5. Do you mind _____ (help) me translate this letter?
6. He asked me _____ (come) back tomorrow.
7. You've never mentioned _____ (live) in Japan before.
8. If he keeps _____ (get) to work late, he's going to get fired!
9. Debbie plans _____ (travel) abroad next year.
10. I hope _____ (graduate) from college next June.
11. The girls practiced _____ (dance) yesterday.
12. Mandy has promised _____ (take) care of our dog while we are on vacation.
13. Edwards chose _____ (be) in the management position.
14. I don't know what she wants _____ (do) tonight.
15. Frank offered us _____ (paint) the house.
16. Sandra decided _____ (study) economics in London.
17. Stephanie dislikes _____ (be) in front of a computer all day.
18. Mrs. Naidoo appears _____ (be) the most qualified person for the job.
19. I demand _____ (see) the manager of the hotel immediately.
20. My grandmother recalled _____ (fly) a plane for the very first time when she was six.
21. She claims _____ (be) related to George Washington, but I don't believe her.
22. She waited _____ (see) what would happen next.

23. Samantha keeps _____ (send) us the documents.
24. Felix decided not _____ (apply) for the position.
25. After his insulting comments, I thought Jack deserved _____ (be) fired.
26. Max avoided _____ (answer) his cell phone when other people were in the room.
27. We arranged _____ (take) a taxi to the airport.
28. Don't worry, I don't mind _____ dinner. (make)
29. Karen and Neil would like _____ (visit) that new dance club downtown.
30. When do you wish _____ it , now or later? (do)
31. She pretended _____ (be) a student in order to get a student discount.
32. The child denied _____ (eat) the piece of candy.
33. We intend _____ (pay) for all the work now.
34. You seem _____ (be) a little distracted. Is everything alright?
35. She refused _____ (admit) that she had made a mistake.
36. After his accident last year, he would never consider _____ (buy) another motorcycle.
37. She managed _____ (go) with them.
38. Jackie tends _____ (be) late on Mondays.
39. The competition involves _____ (run) more than fifty miles.
40. Debbie failed _____ (remember) her password.
41. I really appreciate _____ (have) the opportunity to take part in this project.
42. Michael postponed _____ (clean) the bathroom.
43. He was not prepared _____ (speak).
44. We discussed _____ (join) a club.
45. He appears _____ (be) sick.

ANSWER KEY:

1. watching
2. watching
3. working
4. to speak
5. helping
6. to come
7. living
8. getting
9. to travel
10. to graduate
11. dancing
12. to take
13. to be
14. to do
15. to paint
16. to study
17. being
18. to be
19. to see
20. flying
21. to be
22. to see
23. sending
24. to apply
25. to be
26. answering
27. to take
28. making
29. to visit
30. to do
31. to be
32. eating
33. to pay
34. to be
35. to admit
36. buying
37. to go
38. to be
39. running
40. to remember
41. having
42. cleaning
43. to speak
44. joining
45. to be