

New Elementary 3
Unit 2 Lesson A Grammar
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Verb + Gerund => enjoy, can't stand, avoid, imagine, can't help

➤ **Gerund = Verb + ing**

Examples:

- *Richard enjoys **playing** chess.*
- *Harriet can't stand **touching** a mouse.*
- *Tom avoided **playing** video games during the exam time.*
- *Sara can't imagine **living** alone.*
- *They can't help **weeping**.*

Verb + Infinitive => want, plan, hope, decide, need, agree, refuse

➤ **Infinitive = to + Simple Form of the Verb**

Examples:

- *Tom wants **to buy** a house.*
- *Mary plans **to become** a doctor.*
- *Robert hopes **to get** a good grade on his math exam.*
- *They decided **to kill** Jimmy.*
- *George needs **to buy** a new laptop.*
- *Sally agreed **to teach** French to her friend.*
- *I refused **to go** to the party.*

Sample Question:

Angelina agreed food for the hungry people on the street.

- a. buy b. buying c. to buy d. buys

The Right Answer: C

Point:

After a preposition, if we want to use a verb, we should use a gerund (verb + ing).

Prepositions => in, at, of, from, on, ...

Preposition + Gerund

- *I'm interested in **studying** mathematics.*
- *Robert is good at **drawing**.*
- *Sally is tired of **hearing** lies.*

Point:

We use “like” and “love” with a gerund to talk about general facts, but we use “would like” and “would love” with an infinitive to talk about what we want to do right now.

like vs. would like

*I like **playing** basketball. => a general fact*

*I'd like **to play** basketball. => what I want to do now*

love vs. would love

*Michael loves **watching** action movies. => a general fact*

*Michael would love **to watch** an action movie. => what he wants to do now*

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