

Intermediate 1
Unit 2 Grammar Part B
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After some verbs, we use gerunds, and after some other verbs, we use infinitives. Some verbs are also followed by bare infinitives.

Verb + Gerund (Verb + -ing)

Examples:

Tom enjoys **listening** to music.

Robert finished **typing** the report.

Mary avoids **talking** to strangers on the street.

Michael quit **smoking** last year.

They denied **cheating** on the exam.

We don't mind **listening** to loud music.

As you see in the examples above, the verbs “enjoy”, “finish”, “avoid”, “quit”, “deny”, and “mind” are followed by gerunds, not infinitives.

Verb + (somebody) + Infinitive (to + Simple Form of the Verb)

Examples:

We afford **to buy** a house.

I asked the kids **to be** quiet.

They want **to invest** their savings in the stock market.

He hopes **to solve** the difficult problem.

She intends **to help** him.

They decided **not to stay** there.

You need **to buy** a new car.

As you see in the examples above, the verbs “afford”, “ask”, “want”, “hope”, “intend”, “decide”, and “need” are followed by infinitives, not gerunds.

Point:

The verb “recommend” is sometimes followed by a gerund and sometimes by an infinitive. If we mention a personal object after it, we have to use an infinitive. If there is no personal object, the verb “recommend” is followed by a gerund.

Examples:

The teacher **recommends** studying hard for the exam. **recommend doing sth**

The teacher recommends the students **to study** hard for the exam. **recommend sb to do sth**
the students ⇒ Personal Object

Verb + Bare Infinitive (Infinitive without “to” = Simple Form of the Verb)

- **Let somebody do something**

Mrs. Green let her children **stay up** late last night.

Mr. Williams doesn't let his students **make** noise in the class.

- **Make sb do sth** = Force sb to do sth
*The commander made the soldiers **attack** the demonstrators.*
*Alice makes her children **go** to bed early.*
- **Help somebody do something** **American**
*Mary helped her husband **give up** smoking.*
- **Help somebody to do something** **British**
*Mary helped her husband **to give up** smoking.*
- **Help somebody not to do something** **(American & British)**
*Mary helped her husband **not to smoke** cigarettes.*

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