



GERUNDS & INFINITIVES

© talkmor.com

1. What are they?

A gerund is the -ing form of a verb used like a noun.	An infinitive is to + verb .
- I enjoy cooking. - She hates waiting. - They finished working.	- I want to leave. - He decided to study. - We hope to visit Spain.

2. Common verbs followed by a gerund

These verbs are commonly followed by **-ing**:

enjoy • finish • avoid • mind • suggest • keep • practice

Examples:

- I enjoy **reading**.
- She finished **working** at six.
- Would you mind **opening** the window?
- He suggested **taking** a taxi.

3. Common verbs followed by an infinitive

These verbs are commonly followed by **to + verb**:

want • need • decide • hope • plan • promise • agree • learn

Examples:

- I want **to improve** my English.
- We decided **to stay** home.
- She hopes **to find** a new job.
- They plan **to travel** next month.

4. Choose the correct form.

- I enjoy (cook / cooking) for my friends.
- She wants (to learn / learning) Spanish.
- We decided (to take / taking) the bus.
- He avoids (to drive / driving) at night.
- They finished to clean / cleaning the kitchen.
- I hope to see / seeing you soon.
- Do you mind to wait / waiting?
- She plans to move / moving next year.

5. Complete the sentences.

Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. I enjoy _____ (listen) to music.
2. We need _____ (buy) some food.
3. He decided _____ (change) his job.
4. They avoid _____ (eat) too much sugar.
5. She hopes _____ (visit) Japan.
6. I finished _____ (write) the email.
7. Do you mind _____ (close) the door?
8. We plan _____ (go) away this weekend.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

In everyday English, these are very useful:

I enjoy + -ing

"I enjoy cooking."

Try saying these naturally:

I want to + verb

"I want to learn English."

"I enjoy _____."

"I want to _____."

I don't mind + -ing

"I don't mind waiting."

"I don't mind _____."

I'd like to + verb

"I'd like to order a coffee."

"I'd like to _____."

6. About you

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1. I enjoy _____.
2. I don't enjoy _____.
3. I want to _____.
4. I hope to _____.
5. I don't mind _____.
6. I'd like to _____.

Then compare your answers with a partner.

Teacher's Key – PDF 1

4. Choose the correct form.

1. cooking
2. to learn
3. to take
4. driving
5. cleaning
6. to see
7. waiting
8. to move

5. Complete the sentences.

1. listening
2. to buy
3. to change
4. eating
5. to visit
6. writing
7. closing
8. to go