

# GERUNDS & INFINITIVES (ADVANCED)

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**Grammar Intro** - Some verbs change meaning depending on whether they are followed by a gerund (-ing) or a to-infinitive.
**Example**: *I remembered **to lock** the door.* (Action done before remembering) vs. *I remember **locking** the door.* (Memory of a past action)

## Activity 1: Meaning Change Selector

Circle the correct verb form based on the context of the sentence.

1. Please remember ( to submit / submitting ) your expense reports before Friday afternoon.
2. I will never forget ( to meet / meeting ) the CEO for the first time in Tokyo.
3. He stopped ( to buy / buying ) a coffee on his way to the office.
4. She tried ( to open / opening ) the jammed window, but it was stuck tight.
5. They regret ( to inform / informing ) you that your application was unsuccessful.

## Activity 2: Context Rewrite

Rewrite each sentence using either a gerund or an infinitive so the second sentence has the same meaning as the first.

1. I stopped drinking caffeine after 2 PM because it kept me awake.
   *I gave up* _____ *after 2 PM.*
2. It's necessary for us to update our software immediately.
   *Our software needs* _____ *immediately.*
3. He said he was sorry for missing the deadline.
   He apologized for _____ the deadline.
4. She intends to start her own business next year.
   She plans on _____ her own business next year.
5. Walking home alone in the dark is something I avoid.
   *I avoid* _____ *home alone in the dark.*

**Activity 3: Error Detection** - Identify the sentence in each pair that contains a grammar mistake and write the corrected version.

1. A: I proposed to change the schedule. / B: I proposed changing the schedule.
2. A: He stopped to smoke two years ago. / B: He stopped smoking two years ago.
3. A: She tried taking an aspirin, but her headache remained. / B: She tried to taking an aspirin.
4. A: We regret telling you that the event is canceled. / B: We regret to tell you that the event is canceled.
5. A: I remember to lock the safe, so don't worry. / B: I remember locking the safe, so don't worry.

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# Answer Key

**Activity 1:**

1. to submit
2. meeting
3. to buy
4. to open
5. to inform

**Activity 2:**

1. ...drinking caffeine...
2. ...updating / being updated...
3. ...missing / having missed...
4. ...starting...
5. ...walking...

**Activity 3:**

1. Both are grammatically valid, but B (*changing*) is standard for suggestions.
2. Sentence A is wrong for quitting a habit -> **Correct:** *He stopped smoking two years ago.*
3. Sentence B is wrong -> **Correct:** She tried to take an aspirin...
4. Sentence A is wrong for formal bad news -> **Correct:** *We regret to tell you...*
5. Sentence A is wrong for a past memory -> **Correct:** *I remember locking the safe...*

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