



### What are Infinitives?

An infinitive is a verb form that acts as other parts of speech in a sentence. It is formed with to + base form of the verb. Ex: to buy, to work.

### Infinitive Examples

Infinitives can be used as:

1. an object following the verb:  
Jim always forgets **to eat**
2. a subject at the beginning of a sentence:  
**To travel** around the world requires a lot of time and money.
3. an adverb modifying a verb:  
You promised **to buy** me a diamond ring.
4. an adjective modifying a noun:  
Tara has the ability **to succeed**.
5. Some verbs are directly followed by an infinitive:  
Do you want **to call** your family now?
6. Some verbs are directly followed by a noun or pronoun and then by an infinitive:  
I convinced Catherine **to become** vegetarian.  
He advised me **to sell** all my shares of stock.
7. Some verbs can be followed by an infinitive or a gerund without causing a change in meaning:  
Will you continue **working** after you give birth?  
Will you continue **to work** after you give birth?
8. Some verbs can be followed by an infinitive or a gerund with a change in meaning:  
He stopped **drinking** coffee. (He never drank coffee again.)  
He stopped **to drink** coffee. (He stopped what he was doing and drank some coffee.)



**D** Choose the correct gerund or infinitive from the parent end of the sentence. See the example.

She likes to get up early in the morning. (likes / dislikes)

Alan can't stand to ride on trains. (riding / to ride)

Mr. Harris enjoys inviting people out to dinner. (inviting / to invite)

In the old days, gentlemen challenged their rivals to fight. (fighting / to fight)

As the famous saying goes, there's no use crying over spilt milk.

Jim stopped to tie his shoelace. Wait for him. (tying / to tie)

# Inglés

- 7. My wife always volunteers to bake cakes PTA meetings. (baking / to bake)
- 8. Don't waste my time complaining about your salary. (complaining / to complain)
- 9. Eva is having trouble concentrating on the exam. (concentrating / to concentrate)
- 10. Please allow me to join your Facebook page. (joining / to join)
- 11. You won't forget to pick up on your way home, will you? (picking up / to pick up)

Complete the following passage with either the gerund or the infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.



Dennis was in his first year at university, studying History. He was rather a lazy student and he tended to avoid (1) working (work) whenever he could. In the middle of the term, his history professor gave out an assignment to be handed in within two weeks. The assignment was quite a difficult one, so his professor advised them (2) to start (start) earlier. Dennis intended (3) (4) doing (do) the assignment, but he postponed habit of (5) writing (write) it for a week. He had a bad week, he forgot (6) to delay (delay) things. The following week, he forgot (6) to do (do) it totally.

The night before the assignment was due, he suddenly remembered it and rushed to the library to find the books he needed. He tried (7) reading (read) as much as possible on the topic, but there wasn't enough time. Dennis considered (8) to ask (ask) for more time to do his paper, but his History professor was known to be very tough on students, so he finally decided (9) to cheat (cheat) and copy his paper from somewhere else. He found an old article on the same topic and quickly typed it out. The next day, he submitted the paper.

The following week, he was alarmed (10) seeing (see) his professor approaching him, looking angry. "Is this your own work, or did you copy it?" asked the professor. Dennis denied (11) to copy (copy) the paper. The professor was angry with Dennis for not (12) telling (tell) the truth. "If you expect me (13) to believe (believe) that, you must be very stupid," said the professor. "Every word is taken from an article I wrote myself five years ago. Did you really think I would forget (14) to write (write) it?" Dennis couldn't help (15) feeling (feel) sorry for telling such a lie.

Correct the wrong sentences.

- 1. Peter enjoys playing tennis. Peter enjoys to play tennis
- 2. Sam forgot to send the e-mail. Sam forgot sending the e-mail
- 3. Alice spent three hours to look for a shirt. Alice spent three hours looking for a shirt
- 4. Would you like to come swimming? Would you like coming swimming?
- 5. She apologized for to be late. She apologized for being late
- 6. He help her homework. He help her homework