ESLG 003
Common Verbs Followed by Gerunds or Infinitives

Some common verbs followed by gerunds (base form + ing):

admit  deny  keep  recommend
avoid  discuss  postpone  resist
celebrate  dislike  practice  suggest
consider  enjoy  prohibit  understand
delay  finish  quit

Some common verbs followed by infinitives (to + base form):

appear  help  plan  seem
ask  hope  prepare  want
can't afford  intend  promise  would like
decide  learn  refuse  need

Some common verbs followed by gerunds OR infinitives:

begin  hate  prefer
can't stand  like  start
continue  love  try
Find Someone Who...

Walk around the classroom and ask questions to find people who do—or don’t do—the following things. Get 3 signatures. Then, when finished, write complete sentences about any questions.

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<th>Question</th>
<th>Yes, I do.</th>
<th>No, I don’t.</th>
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<td>1. Do you dislike cleaning the house?</td>
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<td>2. Do you ever postpone doing your homework until the last minute?</td>
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<td>3. Do you avoid talking about friends behind their backs?</td>
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<td>4. Do you promise to do all of your homework for the entire semester?</td>
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<td>5. Do you prefer to drink sugar-free Coca Cola?</td>
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<td>6. Do you hope to earn a college degree some day?</td>
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<td>7. Do you prefer to eat food from your country?</td>
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<td>8. Do you enjoy living in the U.S.?</td>
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<td>9. Do you keep eating even if you’re full?</td>
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<td>10. Do you practice speaking English every day?</td>
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Now, write sentences about the people who answered “yes” or “no” to questions. You can use the back of this page or another piece of paper. Write affirmative or negative sentences depending on the answer. Remember to use 3rd person “s” when necessary.

Examples:
- Isabel keeps eating even if she’s full.*
- Joe doesn’t promise to do all of his homework for the entire semester.
- Joe and Isabel practice speaking English every day.
Verb or adjective phrase + gerund

Use a gerund (verb + ing) after certain verbs and prepositions (see list)

Susan cared about living close to her sister.

verb preposition gerund

Use a gerund (verb + ing) after be + adjective phrase (see list)

Antonio was tired of working so hard.

be adjective phrase gerund

Complete these sentences about yourself by using a gerund. Then read your sentences to a partner.

Before coming to the United States...

1. I dreamed about ____________________________

2. I planned on ______________________________

3. I looked forward to __________________________

4. I worried about ____________________________

5. I was interested in __________________________

After coming to the United States...

6. I am proud of ______________________________

7. I have adjusted to __________________________

8. I often complain about ______________________

9. I think about ______________________________

10. I’m capable of ____________________________