

GRAMMAR LEAD-IN

Students often make mistakes with...

Verb + "to"
infinitive or "-ing"
(with <u>a difference</u>
in meaning)

Did you forget to bring the book?

Not today, but I forgot bringing it yesterday.





to infinitive and -ing (Difference in Meaning)

The following verbs can use either the "to" infinitive or "-ing" forms and this can change what the sentence means:

	Verb + to infinitive	Verb + -ing
1 remember	Remember to buy milk. (remembering an action you need to do)	I <u>remember</u> buying milk yesterday. (having a memory of a past action)
2 forget	She <u>forgot</u> to lock the door. (failing to remember what she needs to do)	She <u>forgot</u> locking the door last night. (losing the memory of something she did)



- We remember (to play, playing) outside all day as kids.
- Don't forget (to call, calling) Mom on her birthday.

to infinitive and -ing (Difference in Meaning)

	Verb + to infinitive	Verb + -ing
3 regret	I <u>regret</u> to say I can't hang out tonight. (expressing an apology for something)	I <u>regret</u> joining the club earlier. (feeling sorry for something done before)
4 stop	He <u>stopped</u> to have a rest. (stopping an action to do something else)	He <u>stopped</u> playing basketball. (stopping an ongoing action)

Have a try!

- I regret (to spend, spending) too much time on video games.
- He has been running too long, so he stopped (to catch, catching) his breath.

to infinitive and -ing (Difference in Meaning)

	Verb + to infinitive	Verb + -ing
5 mean	They mean to study hard for the exams. (intending or planning to do something)	Going to the island <u>means</u> taking a ship. (involves something)
6 try	We <u>try</u> to read books every week. (attempting to do something)	Try adding salt to improve the flavor. (doing something as an experiment)



- Passing the driving test means (to practice, practicing) driving regularly.
- I try (to save, saving) money as much as I can.

PRACTICE TIME

■ Read the passage below and complete the gaps by either a "to" infinitive or an "-ing" form.

Ava's Beach Adventure

Ava forgot ______ (pack) her swimsuit but remembered _____ (pack) her running shoes. Then, she tried _____ (jog) along the beach in the morning. This meant _____ (stop) by a local store to buy some sunscreen. Later, she regrets _____ (not bring) her swimsuit when she sees others enjoying the water.



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Verb + "to"
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in meaning)

Do you like swimming?

Yes, I like to swim at the beach.





to infinitive and -ing (No Difference in Meaning)

The following verbs can use either "to" infinitive or "-ing" forms without changing what they mean.

I **like to read** history books. = I like reading history books.

She **loves to dance** in the rain. = She **loves** dancing in the rain.

They **hate** to wait for the bus. = They **hate** waiting for the bus.

= He **prefers** doing it at night. He **prefers** to do it at night.

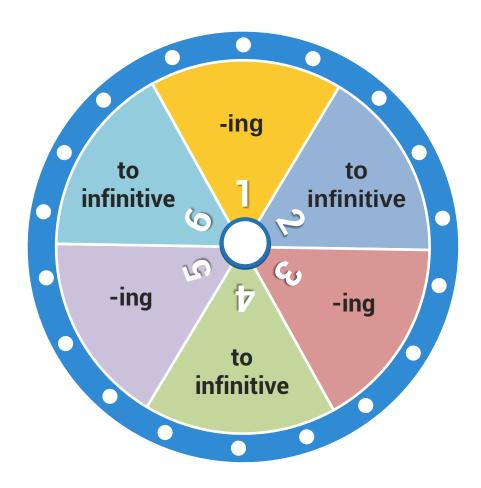
She <u>began</u> to paint her room. = She <u>began</u> painting her room.

Sara <u>continues</u> to study English. = Sara <u>continues</u> studying English.



Would like, would love, would hate, and would prefer are always followed by the "to" infinitive.

Spin the turntable then complete the sentences using the given form.



- I love _____ (play) soccer with my friends.
- They prefer _____ (hang out) at the beach.
- He hates _____ (wake up) early on weekends.
- Eva continues _____ (practice) her drawing skills every day.



PRACTICE TIME

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the given word.

Example: Reading Harry Potter books is my favorite. [love]

I love reading Harry Potter books.

1. She doesn't like washing the dishes after dinner. [hate]

She _____ after dinner.

2. They rather watch a movie at home. [prefer]

They would _____ a movie at home.

3. Going for walks in the park is what he enjoys the most. [like]

He _____ in the park.



SUMMARY



to infinitive and -ing

The following verbs can use either "to infinitive or "-ing" forms, and this can change what the sentence means.

remember regret forget
stop mean try

I <u>remember</u> to bring my umbrella when it rains. (remembering an action you need to do)

I <u>remember</u> bringing my umbrella when it rained. (having a memory of a past action)

The following verbs can use either "to" infinitive or "-ing" forms without changing what they mean.



They begin to learn to swim.

They begin learning to swim.

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