

GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

Knowing which verbs or phrases are followed by gerunds, infinitives or either can be a difficult task. There really are not any clear "rules." One just has to memorize (or refer to) lists such as this one.

Verb + Gerund	Verb +Preposition +Gerund	Be +Adjective +Preposition +Gerund	Verb + Infinitive	Verb +Infinitive or Gerund
I advise studying gerunds.	I have adapted to living in the U.S.	I am capable of learning English grammar.	I aim to master the infinitive.	I began learning English 10 years ago. I began to learn English 10 years ago.
acknowledge admit advise anticipate appreciate avoid consider defend defer delay deny detest discuss dislike endure enjoy escape excuse feel like finish go imagine involve keep mention mind (object to) miss	adapt to adjust to agree on apologize for approve of argue about ask about believe in blame for care about complain about consist of decide on depend on disapprove of discourage from engage in forgive for give up help with inquire about insist on interfere with keep on look forward to object to participate in	be accustomed to be afraid of be angry about be ashamed of be capable of be certain about be concerned with be critical of be discouraged from be enthusiastic about be familiar with be famous for be fond of be glad about be good at be happy about be interested in be known for be nervous about be perfect for be proud of be responsible for be sad about be successful in be suitable for	agree aim afford appear arrange ask care choose claim consent dare decide decline demand deserve desire expect fail guarantee happen hope intend know learn manage need offer	attempt begin can/can't bear can/can't stand cease continue forget go on hate like love neglect prefer regret propose remember see start stop try

omit	persist in	be tired of	plan	
postpone	plan on	be tolerant of	pledge	
practice	prepare for	be upset about	prepare	
prevent	profit from	be used to	pretend	
quit	prohibit from	be useful for	promise	
recall	put off	be worried about	refuse	
recollect	result from		resolve	
recommend	succeed in		seem	
regret	suffer from		tend	
resent	talk about		struggle	
resist	take part in		swear	
resume	there's no point in		volunteer	
risk	think about		wait	
suggest	warn about		want	
tolerate	work on		wish	
understand	worry about		would like	