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## GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

Gerunds and infinitives can be tricky to use. This sheet will give some background information on how to use them.

A **gerund** is a verb form with an ***-ing*** ending. An **infinitive** is a verb form with the construction of ***to + verb***. Gerunds and infinitives can be found in many different places in a sentence. One place is after a main verb. The main verb usually determines if a gerund is used or if an infinitive is used.

Common Verbs Used with Gerunds					
appreciate	consider	discuss	finish	postpone	suggest
avoid	delay	enjoy	miss	risk	quit

- Examples:
- You should avoid talking to your boss when he is upset.
  - She misses eating food from her home country.
  - I suggest taking some extra money for your trip.

Common Verbs Used with Infinitives					
agree	decide	hope	learn	plan	try
claim	demand	intend	need	prepare	want

- Examples:
- He claimed to have the winning lottery ticket.
  - We decided to make a web page together.
  - I want to learn another language.

Of course, there are many more verbs than those listed here.



You must learn which verbs can be used as gerunds or as infinitives. There is no magic way to know which to use. You must just practice and become familiar with the verbs.

### <<<<< Gerund and Infinitive Practice >>>>>

Complete the following sentences with either a gerund or an infinitive.

1. She wanted \_\_\_\_\_ her friends for lunch but was too busy. **(meet)**
2. I forgot \_\_\_\_\_ my computer when I went home for the weekend. **(turn off)**
3. John is considering \_\_\_\_\_ for another job because he hates his boss. **(look)**
4. The father demanded \_\_\_\_\_ his son's report card. **(see)**
5. You risk \_\_\_\_\_ your job if you arrive late to work every day. **(lose)**
6. NASA delayed \_\_\_\_\_ the rocket because of the bad weather. **(launch)**
7. The child refused \_\_\_\_\_ his vegetables at dinner. **(eat)**
8. I demand \_\_\_\_\_ where you have been all night. **(know)**
9. The company was prepared \_\_\_\_\_ the job applicant immediately. **(hire)**
10. I quit \_\_\_\_\_ on the subway after my wallet was stolen. **(sleep)**

You should also know that there is another way that gerunds and infinitives can be used. Sometimes they can be used as the subject of a sentence. Don't be tricked because they are verb forms...they are really acting like nouns!

Examples:

- Drawing is one of my hobbies.
- Swimming is a fun summer activity.
- To make mistakes is human.
- To be friends with him is trouble.

