

## VERBS FOLLOWED BY INFINITIVE OR GERUND

- **VERBS FOLLOWED BY –ING:** admit, adjust, avoid, be worth, can't help, can't stand, consider, deny, dislike, enjoy, fancy, finish, help, imagine, involve, keep, mind, miss, postpone, practise, recollect, report, risk, suggest + be/get used to
- **VERBS FOLLOWED BY INFINITIVE WITH TO:** afford, agree, appear, arrange, ask, choose, decide, demand, desire, expect, fail, guarantee, happen, help, hope, learn, long, manage, offer, plan, prepare, pretend, promise, refuse, seem, tend, threaten, wait, want, wish
- **VERBS FOLLOWED BY EITHER INFINITIVE WITH TO OR –ING WITH LITTLE OR NO CHANGE IN MEANING:** attempt, begin, continue, dread, not bear, hate, intend, like, love, prefer, start
- **IF A VERB IS FOLLOWED BY A PREPOSITION, IT IS FOLLOWED BY A VERB + ING:** Are you interested in working for us?
- **SUGGEST IS FOLLOWED EITHER BY –ING OR BY A THAT CLAUSE, IT CAN NEVER BE FOLLOWED BY OBJECT + TO!**  
Chris suggested going to the cinema.  
Jane suggested that I should ask your advice.
- **AFTER ADVISE, RECOMMEND AND ALLOW, TWO STRUCTURES ARE POSSIBLE:**
  - **verb + -ing** I wouldn't recommend staying in that hotel.
  - **verb + object + to** Jane allowed me to take one.
- **MAKE AND LET HAVE THE STRUCTURE**
  - **verb + object + infinitive (without to)**  
I made him promise that he wouldn't tell anybody.
  - **BUT the passive is (be) made to do st.**  
We were made to wait for two hours.
- **VERBS FOLLOWED BY EITHER INFINITIVE WITH TO OR –ING WITH CHANGE IN MEANING:**
  - **Forget:**  
I **forgot to buy** any coffee. (I didn't remember)  
I won't **forget meeting** you. (it will stay in my memory)
  - **Go on:**  
Diana **went on working** all night. (continue)  
The director **went on to say** that the strike was over.  
(add)

- **Mean**

I **meant to phone** you but I forgot. (intend)

This **means leaving** at 6 am! (involve)

- **Regret**

I **regret to tell** you that you have failed.

(a formal statement)

I **regret not buying** the house.

(be sorry about the past)

- **Remember**

Please **remember to lock** the door.

(don't forget a future action)

I **remember locking** the door.

(remember a past action)

- **Stop**

I **stopped going** to evening classes. (give up)

I **stopped to buy** some coffee. (in order to do st. else)

- **Try**

I **tried to get up** early, but I couldn't (try and fail)

Why don't you **try getting** up early?

(suggesting an action)

- **VERBS FOLLOWED BY EITHER INFINITIVE WITHOUT TO OR -ING WITH CHANGE IN MEANING:**

- **Feel**

I **felt** the train **moving**. (continuing action)

I **felt** the train **move**. (completed action)

- **See**

- **Hear**

*If we see or hear only **a part of the action**, or it continues, we use the **-ing form**. If we see or hear **the whole action from beginning to end**, we use the **bare infinitive without to**. Compare:*

I **saw** her **giving** her presentation.

I **saw** her **give** her presentation.

I **heard** the machine **making** a strange noise.

I **heard** the machine **make** a strange noise.