

# Reference Lists

## -ing forms and infinitive

### 1 Verbs followed by -ing forms

admire	admire	involve	resist
adore	dislike	keep	resist
avoid	enjoy	mention	risk
celebrate	face	mind	suggest
consider	fancy	miss	
contemplate	finish	postpone	
delay	go	practise	
deny	imagine	report	

### 2 Verbs followed by a preposition + -ing form

admit to	benefit from	get on with	resort to
agree with	care for	insist on	succeed in
aim at	confess to	object to	think of
apologise for	count on	pay for	vote for
approve of	depend on	put up with	
believe in	feel like	rely on	

### 3 Nouns followed by a preposition + -ing form

hope of	idea of	way of
difficulty in	thought of	method of

### 4 Adjectives followed by a preposition + -ing form

bad at	capable of	guilty of
good at	excited about	tired of
good for	fed up with	keen on
bored with	fond of	nervous of

### 5 Other expressions followed by -ing forms

can't bear	go (e.g. camping)	no good
can't help	spend time/money (on)	no use
can't stand	not worth	

### 6 Verbs followed by a to infinitive

afford	decide	learn
agree	demand	long
aim	deserve	manage
appear	expect	mean
arrange	fail	offer
ask	fight	pause
attempt	guarantee	plan
ask	happen	prepare
choose	hesitate	pretend
encourage	help	promise
expect	intend	prove
invite		remind
leave		tell
allow	force	order
advise	forbid	urge
ask	get	want
encourage	help	warn
expect	intend	
invite		

### 7 Verbs which take an object followed by a to infinitive

allow	force	order	urge
advise	forbid	leave	tell
attempt	cease	fear	love
begin	continue	hate	prefer
bother	deserve	like	start

### 8 Verbs followed by -ing forms or a to infinitive

With little difference in meaning	
With a difference in meaning	

regret + -ing	be sorry about an action in the past
regret + to inf	(With say, tell, inform and announce) be sorry about a present action
remember	refers to an action before the moment of remembering or forgetting
/forget + -ing	refers to an action after the moment of remembering or forgetting
remember/forget + to inf	refers to an action in order to do something else
stop + -ing	finish an action
stop + to inf	interrupt an action in order to do something else
try + -ing	make an experiment
try + to inf	make an effort to do something difficult