Gerund or Infinitive Exercises

**COMMON VERBS FOLLOWED BY THE GERUND:**

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<td>enjoy</td>
<td>I enjoyed living in France.</td>
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<td>fancy</td>
<td>I fancy seeing a film tonight.</td>
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<td>discuss</td>
<td>We discussed going on holiday together.</td>
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<td>dislike</td>
<td>I dislike waiting for buses.</td>
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<td>finish</td>
<td>We’ve finished preparing for the meeting.</td>
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<td>suggest</td>
<td>He suggested staying at the Grand Hotel.</td>
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<td>recommend</td>
<td>They recommended meeting earlier.</td>
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<td>avoid</td>
<td>She avoided talking to her boss.</td>
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<td>miss</td>
<td>She misses living near the beach.</td>
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<td>appreciate</td>
<td>I appreciated her helping me.</td>
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<td>delay</td>
<td>He delayed doing his taxes.</td>
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<td>postpone</td>
<td>He postponed returning to Paris.</td>
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<td>practise</td>
<td>She practised singing the song.</td>
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<td>consider</td>
<td>She considered moving to New York.</td>
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<td>risk</td>
<td>He risked being caught.</td>
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<td>admit</td>
<td>He admitted cheating on the test.</td>
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<td>deny</td>
<td>He denied committing the crime.</td>
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<td>mention</td>
<td>He mentioned going to that college.</td>
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<td>imagine</td>
<td>He imagines working there one day.</td>
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<td>tolerate</td>
<td>I tolerated her talking.</td>
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<td>understand</td>
<td>I understand his quitting.</td>
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<td>involve</td>
<td>The job involves travelling to Japan once a month.</td>
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<td>complete</td>
<td>He completed renovating the house.</td>
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<td>report</td>
<td>He reported her stealing the money.</td>
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<td>anticipate</td>
<td>I anticipated arriving late.</td>
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<td>recall</td>
<td>Tom recalled using his credit card at the store.</td>
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**COMMON VERBS FOLLOWED BY TO + INFINITIVE:**

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<td>ask*</td>
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<td>decide</td>
<td>We decided to go out for dinner</td>
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<td>help*</td>
<td>He helped to clean the kitchen / he helped his flatmate to clean the kitchen</td>
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<td>plan</td>
<td>She plans to buy a new flat next year</td>
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<td>hope</td>
<td>I hope to pass the exam</td>
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<td>learn</td>
<td>They are learning to sing</td>
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<td>want*</td>
<td>I want to come to the party / I want him to come to the party.</td>
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<td>would like</td>
<td>I would like to see her tonight / I would like you to see her tonight</td>
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<td>promise</td>
<td>We promised not to be late</td>
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<td>can afford</td>
<td>We can’t afford to go on holiday.</td>
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<td>manage</td>
<td>He managed to open the door without the key.</td>
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<td>prepare*</td>
<td>They prepared to take the test /the teachers prepared the students to take the test.</td>
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<td>demand</td>
<td>He demanded to speak to Mr. Harris.</td>
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<td>choose</td>
<td>I chose to help.</td>
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<td>offer</td>
<td>Frank offered to drive us to the supermarket.</td>
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<td>wait</td>
<td>She waited to buy a movie ticket.</td>
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<td>would hate*</td>
<td>I’d hate to be late / I’d hate you to be late.</td>
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<td>would love*</td>
<td>I’d love to come / I’d love him to come.</td>
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seem
expect*
intend
pretend
refuse
would prefer*
deserve
appear
arrange

Nancy seemed to be disappointed.
They expect to arrive early / They expect Julie to arrive early
We intend to visit you next spring.
The child pretended to be a monster.
The guard refused to let them enter the building.
I'd prefer to do it / I'd prefer him to do it.
He deserves to go to jail.
His health appeared to be better.
Naomi arranged to stay with her cousin in Miami.

*We can use an object before the infinitive with these verbs.
(Note that ‘help’ can also be followed by the infinitive without ‘to’ with no difference in meaning: ‘I helped to carry it’ = ‘I helped carry it’.)

Exercises

1. Put the verb into the correct form:
   1. I don't fancy ____________ (go) out tonight.
   2. She avoided ____________ (tell) him about her plans.
   3. I would like ____________ (come) to the party with you.
   4. He enjoys ____________ (have) a bath in the evening.
   5. She kept ____________ (talk) during the film.
   6. I am learning ____________ (speak) English.
   7. Do you mind ____________ (give) me a hand?
   8. She helped me ____________ (carry) my suitcases.
   9. I've finished ____________ (cook). Come and eat!
  10. He decided ____________ (study) Biology.
  11. I dislike ____________ (wait).
  12. He asked ____________ (come) with us.
  13. I promise ____________ (help) you tomorrow.
  14. We discussed ____________ (go) to the cinema, but in the end we stayed at home.
  15. She agreed ____________ (bring) the pudding.
  16. I don't recommend ____________ (take) the bus, it takes forever!
  17. We hope ____________ (visit) Amsterdam next month.
  18. She suggested ____________ (go) to the museum.
  19. They plan ____________ (start) college in the autumn.
  20. I don't want ____________ (leave) yet.

2. Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with ‘to’: 
   1. She delayed ____________ (get) out of bed.
   2. He demanded ____________ (speak) to the manager.
   3. I offered ____________ (help).
   4. I miss ____________ (go) to the beach.
   5. We postponed ____________ (do) our homework.
6. I’d hate ____________ (arrive) too late.
7. She admitted ____________ (steal) the money.
8. I chose ____________ (work) here.
9. She waited ____________ (buy) a drink.
10. I really appreciate ____________ (be) on holiday.
11. I couldn’t help ____________ (laugh).
12. It seems ____________ (be) raining.
13. I considered ____________ (move) to Spain.
14. They practised ____________ (speak).
15. Finally I managed ____________ (finish) the work.
16. I really can’t stand ____________ (wait) for the bus.
17. Unfortunately, we can’t afford ____________ (buy) a new car this year.
18. She risked ____________ (be) late.
19. I’d love ____________ (come) with you.
20. I prepared ____________ (go) on holiday.

3. Put the verb into the gerund or the infinitive with ‘to’:

1. It appears ____________ (be) raining.
2. We intend ____________ (go) to the countryside this weekend.
3. I pretended ____________ (be) sick so I didn’t have to go to work.
4. Can you imagine ____________ (live) without TV?
5. They tolerate ____________ (smoke) but they prefer people not to.
6. I anticipate ____________ (arrive) on Tuesday.
7. A wedding involves ____________ (negotiate) with everyone in the family.
8. He denies ____________ (steal) the money.
9. He claims ____________ (be) a millionaire but I don’t believe him.
10. I expect ____________ (be) there about seven.
11. Julia reported ____________ (see) the boys to the police.
12. It tends ____________ (rain) a lot in Scotland.
13. Do you recall ____________ (meet) her at the party last week?
14. She mentioned ____________ (go) to the cinema, but I don’t know what she decided to do in the end.
15. The teenager refused ____________ (go) on holiday with his parents.
16. I understand ____________ (be) late once or twice, but every day is too much!
17. I would prefer you ____________ (come) early if you can.
18. That criminal deserves ____________ (get) a long sentence.
19. She completed ____________ (paint) her flat.
20. We arranged ____________ (meet) at four but at four thirty she still hadn’t arrived.
1. Answers:
   1. going
   2. telling
   3. to come
   4. having
   5. talking
   6. to speak
   7. giving
   8. to carry
   9. cooking
  10. to study
  11. waiting
  12. to come
  13. to help
  14. going
  15. to bring
  16. taking
  17. to visit
  18. going
  19. to start
  20. to leave

2. Answers:
   1. getting
   2. to speak
   3. to help
   4. going
   5. doing
   6. to arrive
   7. stealing
   8. to work
   9. to buy
  10. being
  11. laughing
  12. to be
  13. moving
  14. speaking
  15. to finish
  16. waiting
  17. to buy
  18. being
  19. to come
  20. to go

3. Answers:
   1. to be
   2. to go
   3. to be
   4. living
   5. smoking
   6. arriving
   7. negotiating
   8. stealing
   9. to be
  10. to be
  11. seeing
  12. to rain
  13. meeting
  14. going
  15. to go
  16. being
  17. to come
  18. to get
  19. painting
  20. to meet