

# GERUND AND INFINITIVE

B2

# Gerund

- ▶ As the **subject** of a sentence
  - *Smoking is bad for your health.*
- ▶ After **prepositions**
  - *I'm interested in learning German.*
- ▶ After verbs of **liking, disliking, etc** (enjoy, love, can't stand, don't mind, etc.)
  - *I can't stand sitting on the floor.*
- ▶ With **GO** + physical activities
  - *They go swimming every Saturday.*
- ▶ After **certain verbs**: admit, avoid, consider, risk, suggest, deny, keep, imagine, etc.
  - *She admitted breaking the window.*

# Infinitive

- ▶ To express the **purpose**.
  - *You use blender to make juice.*
- ▶ Immediately after **adjectives**.
  - *It's good to think before you say something.*
- ▶ After **expressions** with *too, enough, the first, the last*.
  - *It's too cold to go out.*
- ▶ After **certain verbs** like want, learn, agree, decide, expect, forget, hope, seem, try, would like, appear, arrange, ask, try, manage, help, need, promise.
  - *He learnt to swim when he was 5.*

# Gerund = Infinitive

- ▶ Some verbs can be followed by either the gerund or the infinitive with **no change in meaning**: Start, begin, can't bear, can't stand, continue, hate, love, prefer, advise, encourage, etc.
  - *We started laughing when we heard the joke.*
  - *We started to laugh when we heard the joke.*

# Gerund ≠ Infinitive

- ▶ Some verbs can be followed by either the gerund or the infinitive, but **the meaning changes:**

- ▶ **STOP:**

**Stop + gerund:** You don't do an activity anymore.

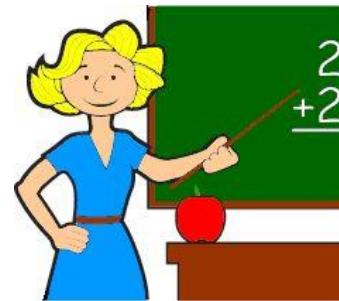
- *I stopped smoking 10 years ago.*



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**Stop + infinitive:** You interrupt what you're doing to do something else.

- *The teacher stopped talking to drink water.*



# Gerund $\neq$ Infinitive

## ► TRY:

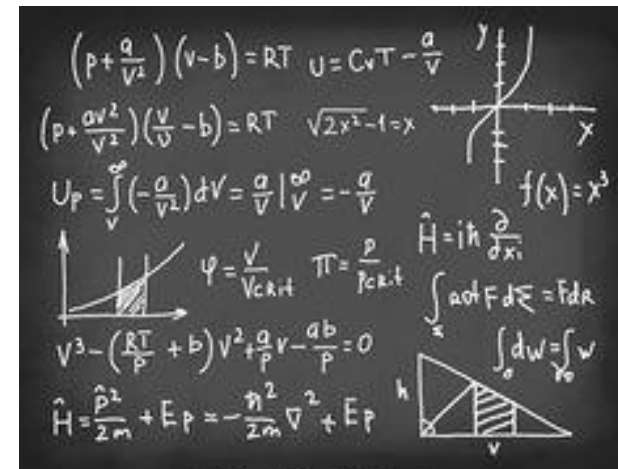
**Try + gerund:** You do something in order to see if it works.

- *If you have a headache, try taking an aspirin.*



**Try + infinitive:** You attempt doing something that has some difficulty.

- *If you want an extra credit in Maths, try to solve this exercise.*



# Gerund ≠ Infinitive

## ► REGRET:

**Regret + gerund:** You are sorry about something you did.

- *I regret eating that, now I feel sick.*



**Regret + infinitive** (to tell, to inform...): You are sorry about something you are going to say next.

- *I regret to inform you that you are fired.*



# Gerund ≠ Infinitive

## ▶ REMEMBER / FORGET:

**Remember/ forget + gerund:** To remember/forget that you have done something.

- *I remember/forgot locking the door yesterday.*



**Remember / forget + infinitive:** You remember/forget that you need to do something.

- *Remember/Don't forget to lock the door before you leave.*





# Gerund ≠ Infinitive

## ▶ LIKE:

**Like + gerund:** You enjoy doing something.

- *I like listening to music.*



**Like + infinitive:** You do something because you think it's better.

- *I like to wear a suit to job interviews, that way I look more professional.*

