**-ING form ( gerund ) /TO -INFINITIVE / BARE INFINITIVE**

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* As the subject of a sentence: *Starting a conversation is not easy*
* After verbs showing preferences : ***like, dislike , detest, enjoy , hate , love, prefer , don’t mind , resent ...***

*Tom loves playing with his children I don’t mind washing the dishes*

* After these verbs : ***avoid , consider , fancy , go*** ( +activities ***) , imagine , miss , suggest , deny , practice , continue,*** etc.

*Let’s go dancing Marc suggested walking to school She continued crying*

* After prepositions: *He’s good at drawing Mr West went on working*
* After these verbs : ***spend , waste*** and ***lose*** ( time , money , etc ).

*My sisters spend all her free time chattering with friends*

TO-INFINITIVE

* To show purpose or intention : *He needs flour to make a cake*
* After **would like , would love , would prefer**

*I’d like to go My friends would prefer to have dinner at a restaurant*

* After **too / enough** : *It’s too late to go out I have enough money to pay*
* After these verbs : ***decide , want , expect , promise*** , etc.

*I want to become a doctor She promised not to tell the secret*

* After adjectives of emotions or feelings: ***glad , happy , pleased , sad ,*** etc.

After adjectives of character and personality: ***clever , kind , honest*** ,etc.

*We were pleased to hear from you It’s kind of you to help me*

BARE INFINITIVE ( without TO )

* After modal verbs : ***can , should , must*** , etc.

*He can’t go to the party You should have seen the film*

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* After these verbs : ***make*** , ***let , feel , see , watch*** and ***hear***.

*Let me go out, please The music makes me cry*

* WATCH! Some verbs take **to-infinitive** or **-ing** , but the meaning is different
* *He remembers travelling abroad*:  *Remember* means *recall*. He had the experience of travelling abroad in the past, it’s one of his memories.
* *Remember to lock the door:* R*emember to lock*  means *don’t forget,* it’s an order or an instruction
* The verb *help* can be followed by **to-infinitive** or **bare infinitive** without changing the meaning :

*They helped me (to) move the furniture*

* Some verbs can be followed either by **–ing** or **infinitive** with the same meaning: *attempt , start, continue* ...

*She started reading / She started to read*