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| **Gerund oder Infinitiv?** | | | | | |
| **1. ohne Bedeutungsunterschied mit einfachem Infinitiv:** | I like swimming. /  I like to swim. | | Ich schwimme gerne. | | |
| - attempt (versuchen)  - begin (anfangen)  - bother (sich die Mühe machen)  - cease (aufhören) | | - continue (weitermachen)  - hate (hassen)  - intend (beabsichtigen)  - like (mögen, „gerne“) | | | - love (lieben)  - prefer (lieber mögen, bevorzugen)  - start (anfangen) |
| **2. ohne Bedeutungsunterschied mit Objekt + to-Infinitiv:** | They don’t allow talking.  They don’t allow us to talk. | | Sie erlauben keine Gespräche.  Sie erlauben uns nicht, zu reden. | | |
| - advise (raten)  - allow (erlauben) | | - encourage (ermutigen) | | | - permit (erlauben) |
| **3. mit Bedeutungsunterschied:** |  | |  | | |
| **forget:**  - (ein Erlebnis) vergessen  - nicht daran denken, etwas zu tun | I’ll never forget seeing her for the first time.  *Ich werde nie vergessen, wie ich sie zum ersten Mal gesehen habe.* | | | Don’t forget to turn off the light!  *Vergiss nicht, das Licht auszumachen!* | |
| **mean:**  - bedeuten  - beabsichtigen | We’ve missed the last bus. That means walking home.  *Wir haben den letzten Bus verpasst; das bedeutet nach Hause laufen.* | | | I never meant to hurt you.  *Ich hatte nie die Absicht, dich zu verletzen.* | |
| **regret:**  - bereuen, etw. getan zu haben  - „leider“ | She regretted hitting her son.  *Es tat ihr leid, dass sie ihren Sohn geschlagen hatte.* | | | We regret to inform you that your friend has died.  *Mir müssen Sie leider darüber informieren, dass Ihr Freund gestorben ist.* | |
| **remember:**  - sich an (ein Ereignis) erinnern  - daran denken, etwas zu tun | I remember seeing her at the party.  *Ich erinnere mich, sie auf der Party gesehen zu haben.* | | | Remember to pick up Josh after school!  *Denk daran, Josh nach der Schule abzuholen!* | |
| **stop:**  - aufhören mit etwas  - anhalten, um etwas anderes zu tun | Sue has stopped smoking.  *Sue hat mit dem Rauchen aufgehört.* | | | We drove for an hour; then we stopped to smoke.  *Wir fuhren eine Stunde lang; dann hielten wir an, um zu rauchen.* | |
| **try:**  - eine Herangehensweise ausprobieren  - den Versuch anstellen, etwas zu tun | This bee sting hurts! – Have you tried putting a piece of onion on it?  *Dieser Bienenstich tut weh! – Hast du versucht, ein Stück Zwiebel daraufzutun?* | | | We tried to open the door, but it was locked.  *Wir versuchten, die Tür zu öffnen, aber sie war verschlossen.* | |

Es gibt noch zahlreiche andere Wörter, die entweder mit Infinitiv oder mit Gerund gebraucht werden, wo aber nicht beides möglich ist. Schauen Sie dazu auf die Arbeitsblätter zu **Infinitiv** oder **Gerund**.

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a) The computer isn’t working. – Have you tried \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (turn) it on and off?   
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5. REMEMBER   
a) Don’t worry, this time I will remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (check) my email!   
b) Do you remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Paris when you were three years old?   
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