

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. <i>Ich werde nie vergessen, wie ich sie zum ersten Mal gesehen habe.</i>	Don't forget to turn off the light! <i>Vergiss nicht, das Licht auszumachen!</i>
mean: - bedeuten - beabsichtigen	We've missed the last bus. That means walking home. <i>Wir haben den letzten Bus verpasst; das bedeutet nach Hause laufen.</i>	I never meant to hurt you. <i>Ich hatte nie die Absicht, dich zu verletzen.</i>
regret: - bereuen, etw. getan zu haben - „leider“	She regretted hitting her son. <i>Es tat ihr leid, dass sie ihren Sohn geschlagen hatte.</i>	We regret to inform you that your friend has died. <i>Mir müssen Sie leider darüber informieren, dass Ihr Freund gestorben ist.</i>
remember: - sich an (ein Ereignis) erinnern - daran denken, etwas zu tun	I remember seeing her at the party. <i>Ich erinnere mich, sie auf der Party gesehen zu haben.</i>	Remember to pick up Josh after school! <i>Denk daran, Josh nach der Schule abzuholen!</i>
stop: - aufhören mit etwas - anhalten, um etwas anderes zu tun	Sue has stopped smoking. <i>Sue hat mit dem Rauchen aufgehört.</i>	We drove for an hour; then we stopped to smoke. <i>Wir fuhren eine Stunde lang; dann hielten wir an, um zu rauchen.</i>
try: - eine Herangehensweise ausprobieren - den Versuch anstellen, etwas zu tun	This bee sting hurts! – Have you tried putting a piece of onion on it? <i>Dieser Bienenstich tut weh! – Hast du versucht, ein Stück Zwiebel daraufzutun?</i>	We tried to open the door, but it was locked. <i>Wir versuchten, die Tür zu öffnen, aber sie war verschlossen.</i>

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) Don't forget _____ (do) the dishes again!
 b) I will never forget _____ (climb) Mount Everest. It was an amazing experience.

2. STOP

- a) Even though the doctors did what they could, the patient finally stopped _____ (breathe). He was dead.
 b) Hey, let's stop at the gas station _____ (grab) a few beers!

3. TRY

- a) The computer isn't working. – Have you tried _____ (turn) it on and off?
 b) I tried _____ (fix) your bike, but it was broken beyond repair.

4. MEAN

- a) Oh gosh, I'm sorry. I didn't mean _____ (cause) so much trouble.
 b) The test is tomorrow. That means _____ (study) all night!

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?

6. REGRET

- a) I regret _____ (quit) school. It was the biggest mistake of my life.
 b) We regret _____ (tell) you that you have failed the test.

EXERCISE 2 Infinitive or gerund? Fill in both forms if possible.

- a) After we had walked two hours, we stopped _____ (have) a drink and a sandwich.
 b) I just love _____ (read) adventure stories.
 c) Lassie tried _____ (save) the man, but it was too late.
 d) It started _____ (snow).
 e) I will never forget _____ (see) her for the first time in that bar. She was wearing a red dress and she looked so pretty.
 f) When you make soup, remember _____ (add) the salt.
 g) I can't get this bit of chewing gum off my jacket. – Have you tried _____ (put) it in the freezer for an hour? Usually gum breaks easily when it's frozen.
 h) Do you like _____ (watch) TV shows? – No, I prefer _____ (play) computer games.
 i) After we had been studying for two hours, we stopped _____ (order) a pizza.
 j) Peter loves _____ (go) on trips.
 k) She tried _____ (kill) him, but luckily he survived.
 l) I started _____ (work) here three years ago.
 m) Last year we travelled to New York. I will always remember _____ (see) the whole city from the top of the Empire State Building!
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p) I'm sorry! I went to the supermarket but I forgot _____ (buy) milk!

q) I meant _____ (paint) the fence yesterday, but then Aunt Jill came over and I just didn't have the time.

r) Sue hates _____ (work) the night shift.

s) You should continue _____ (write) your novel. It could be a bestseller!

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u) The car is broken. – Does that mean _____ (get) up an hour early to take the bus?

v) I think Mike regrets _____ (break) up with his girlfriend over such a silly thing.

w) Kate used to work full-time, but she stopped _____ (have) more time for her children.

x) You forgot _____ (lock) the door! One day we'll be robbed and it will be your fault!

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