



GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES FEEDBACK

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Infinitive in Catalan/ Spanish

TO INFINITIVE

- After certain verbs (want, afford, decide, plan, etc.)

Ex: I want to buy a new jacket

- After adjectives

Ex: Nice to meet you/ It's a wonderful day to go to the beach

- Infinitive of purpose (why you do smth/reason/purpose)

Ex: I went to the city center to buy a present

GERUND (-ING)

- After verbs (enjoy, can't stand, avoid, finish, etc.)

Ex: I avoid crossing the park at night

- After preposition (**'to' can work as a preposition)

Ex: I'm thinking about going to the beach tomorrow

Ex: I'm looking forward to going on holiday (**'to'=preposition)

- When the verb acts as a subject or object of the sentence

Ex: Smoking is bad for your health/ Eating vegetables is healthy (subject)

My hobbies are travelling, doing exercise, playing tennis, ... (object)

** 'to' will be a preposition when it is possible to put a noun phrase after it and the sentence keeps being grammatically correct.
Example: I look forward to hearing from you → I look forward to your answer.

VERBS FOLLOWED BY GERUND OR TO INFINITIVE

GERUND	
- Admit	- Imagine
- Anticipate	- Keep (=continue)
- Appreciate	- Mention
- Avoid	- Mind
- Can't help	- Miss
- Consider	- Pardon
- Defend	- Postpone
- Defer	- Prevent
- Delay	- Quit (stop)
- Deny	- Recall
- Detest	- Recollect
- Discuss	- Resent
- Dislike	- Resist
- Dread	- Resume
- Enjoy	- Risk
- Excuse	- Save (=avoid the trouble of)
- Fancy	- Suggest
- Finish	- Understand
- Forgive	

TO INFINITIVE		
- Afford	- Expect	- Rush
- Agree	- Fail	- Seem
- Appear	- Happen	- Struggle
- Arrange	- Hesitate	- Swear
- Ask	- Hope	- Tend
- Attempt	- Intend	- Threaten
- Beg	- Learn	- Wait
- Care	- Manage	- Want
- Chance	- Need	- Wish
- Choose	- Omit	
- Claim	- Offer	
- Consent	- Plan	
- Conspire	- Prepare	
- Dare	- Pretend	
- Decide	- Promise	
- Demand	- Prove	
- Deserve	- Refuse	
- Endeavor	- remain	

VERBS FOLLOWED EITHER BY GERUND OR TO INFINITIVE WITH A DIFFERENCE IN MEANING

Try + gerund = experiment . If you want to lose weight, try doing some exercise every day.

Try + infinitive = attempt. I tried to open the jar, but it was impossible. Can you do it for me, please?

Regret + gerund = something you wish you hadn't done. I regret having texted him. I should've thought it twice.

Regret + infinitive = feel sorry. I regret to tell you that she has already left.

Forget + gerund = you forget something that you had done. I forgot watching that film. I watched it a long time ago.

Forget + infinitive = you didn't do something. I forgot to buy some water, I'm sorry.

Stop + gerund = give up an activity. I stopped smoking a few years ago.

Stop + infinitive = stop in order to do something different. I stopped to smoke to have a cigarette. I needed a break.

Remember + gerund = you remember something that you had done. I remember playing with my sister in the park.

Remember + infinitive = you remember that you have to do something. I remembered to buy some water. Here it is.

Need + gerund = with passive meaning: This shirt needs ironing = necessita planxar-se.

Need + infinitive = with active meaning: I need to iron this shirt = necessito planxar-la

Go on + gerund = continue doing something. She went on talking about her trip.

Go on + infinitive = change activities. After talking about her holiday, she went on to show us some pics.

Mean + gerund = involve. Living in Barcelona means spending a lot of time commuting.

Mean + to infinitive = to have the intention. I didn't mean to send the email to everybody. It was a mistake.

BARE INFINITIVE (VERB WITHOUT 'TO')

We use it after:

- Modal verbs
You **can go** to the party, but you **must be** home early.
- After *help, let, make, would rather, had better*.
I **had better go** – it's very late, I'd **rather stay** here, though.
- After 'make' and 'let' followed by a direct object. ** In the passive voice, they take a 'to' or change completely.
 - a) My parents **made me go** to school even in July! (active)
I **was made to go** to school even in July! (passive)
 - b) My parents **let me do** whatever I wanted in August. (active)
I **was allowed to do** whatever I wanted in August. (passive)

**LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR
EXERCISES**

1. We encouraged her ❌ (succeed in) ❌ (become) a top player.

2. The people thanked me for ❌ (offer) ❌ (help) them.

3. It is not worth ❌ (help) him ✅ (do) the job.

4. He'd better ❌ (get) used to ❌ (work) harder.

5. It was interesting ❌ (attend) that conference.

6. They made us ❌ (leave) the campsite after ❌ (make) such a mess.

7. ❌ (write) letters is more boring than ❌ (phone).

8. I'm looking forward to ❌ (go) on holidays.

9. Normally I enjoy ❌ (go) out but today I'd prefer ❌ (stay) indoors.

10. The Romans were quite happy about Hannibal ❌ (not attack) Rome.

Choose the correct form of the verb.

1. I couldn't sleep so I tried ❌ some hot milk.

2. She tried ❌ the book on the high shelf, but she was too small.

3. They tried ❌ to the party on time but the bus was delayed.

4. You should stop ❌, it's not good for your health.

5. We stopped ✅ because we were tired.

6. We stopped ❌ a rest because we were really sleepy.

7. Have we studied this before? I've forgotten ❌ it.

8. Oh no! I forgot ❌ milk.

9. Please don't forget ❌ some juice on your way home.

10. Finally, I remembered ❌ your book! Here it is.

11. I remember ❌ to the beach as a child.

12. Do you remember ❌ steak in that little restaurant in Rome?

13. I regret ✅ you that the train has been delayed.

14. I regret ✅ Julie my secret; now she has told everyone.

15. In those days, being a student meant ✅ long hours in the library.

16. I didn't mean ✅ your feelings.

LET'S DO SOME EXTRA PRACTICE

Gerund or to infinitive???

1. Remember _____ (turn off) the lights when you leave.
2. Jason stopped _____ (play) the piano at six because it was time for dinner.
3. After cleaning the windows, he went on _____ (wash) the car.
4. I certainly didn't forget _____ (ask) him the question because he's already given me his answer.
5. Janice stopped _____ (make) a telephone call before she continued with her shopping.
6. What's the worst thing you regret _____ (do) in your life?
7. Have you ever forgotten _____ (get) a present for your wife on your anniversary?
8. Alan stopped _____ (drink) years ago because of a serious liver problem.
9. I regret _____ (tell) you that we are going out of business next month.
10. I remember _____ (play) football when I was in high school. Unfortunately, I didn't play much during the games.
11. I don't think I'll ever regret _____ (fall) in love with my wife. We've been married for over thirty years!
12. My back hurts. I tried _____ (take) pain medicine but it's not helping
13. The students went on _____ (write) for another hour.
14. Being a teacher means _____ (correct) a lot.