

Gerunds as Subjects

A gerund (verb ending in –ing) can be **the subject of a sentence**. It is the actor or doer on the sentence. It always takes the singular verb.

Helping my parents is my responsibility

Studying daily helps you be a better student.

Eating fruits and vegetables makes you healthy.

Exercise: Write complete grammatical sentences using gerunds as subjects. Use punctuation where necessary.

1. admit/ you / need help/ be + not/ a bad thing

2. study / Psychology/ be/ very interesting

3. work for/ government / have/ many benefits

4. help/ other people/ be/ part of/ human nature

5. use/ brain scan/ help/ scientists/ understand human behavior

6. live/ in big city/ can+ be / very stressful

7. exercise/ regularly/ mean/ you will be fit

8. Smoke/ cigarettes/ cost/ a lot of money

Gerunds and infinitives as **the objects** of verbs

1) **A gerund** is (*the base form of the verb+ -ing*) . It can be used as an object **after certain verbs**

admit	avoid	consider	discuss	dislike	enjoy
finish	go	miss	practice	suggest	quit

I enjoy **playing** tennis

Ahmed quit **smoking** for his health.

2) **An infinitive** is *to+ the base form of the verb*. It can be used as the object of certain verbs.

agree	appear	choose	decide	hope
Learn	need	plan	want	see

I hope **to become** an engineer

He plans **to travel** to Spain in the summer.

3) **Some verbs can be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive with no difference in meaning.**

begin	hate	like	love	prefer
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I like **to read** novels

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A) Choose the correct form of the verb. You can choose both if possible:

1. My family decided (to move/moving) to a new house.
2. Sara plans (to study/studying) Mechanical Engineering at KU.
3. I usually prefer (to go / going) to the Avenues on weekends.
4. My phone doesn't work. I need (to buy/buying) new batteries.
5. My brother began (to take/ taking) Kung Fu lessons at the club.
6. Fatma quit (to eat/ eating) junk food two months ago.
7. you should avoid (to use/ using) chemicals in your house.
8. I like (to read/ reading) romantic novels. They make me relax.
9. Mr. Smith agreed (to lend/lending) me money for the car.
10. Children learn (to swim/ swimming) much faster than adults.

B. Fill in the blanks with a gerund or infinitive:

1. The criminal doesn't want to admit _____ (steal) the money.
2. The girls in the park decided _____ (have) a picnic.
3. We wanted _____ (find) a good restaurant to eat at.
4. The student finished _____ (write) his research yesterday.
5. I dislike _____ (wake up) early in the morning.
6. My friends agreed _____ (meet) at 7 pm.
7. My parents suggested _____ (travel) to Turkey next year.
8. Our professor seems _____ (dislike) our presentation.
9. Ahmed quit _____ (work) at the bank.
10. Sara practices _____ (play) the piano every day.