

BOTH GERUND AND INFINITIVE

little / no difference

begin - start - continue

like - love - hate

intend - prefer

Suddenly it **started raining.** =

Suddenly it **started to rain.**

We don't normally have two -ing forms together.

She began **dancing/to dance.**

(NOT: She is beginning dancing.)

advice - recommend - allow - permit -

encourage - require

object + inf

gerund

He advised me to stay indoors. He advised staying indoors.

Exercise:

1. I wouldn't recommend (stay) at that hotel.
2. I wouldn't recommend you (stay) at that hotel.
3. She doesn't allow anyone (drive) her car.
4. They don't allow (talk) in the examination room.
5. What would you advise me (do)?
6. I wouldn't advise (tell) anyone what's happened.
7. He's always encouraged me (have) confidence in myself.
8. The teachers of this school encourage (develop) individual interests.
9. I'd recommend you (see) the film. It's very good.
10. I wouldn't recommend (drive) through the city centre now. The traffic is terrible at this time of the day.
11. The invigilator didn't permit anyone (leave) the classroom during the exam.
12. They don't permit (use) dictionaries during the exam.

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with difference in meaning

try

try to do (make an attempt / make an effort)

- Many people try to keep fit.
- *Многие люди стараются поддерживать форму.*

try doing (make an experiment to find out if a new method works)

- To keep fit he tried jogging.
- *Он пробовал бегать трусцой, чтобы поддерживать форму.*

regret

regret to do (feel sorry about having to say some-thing negative)

- I regret to inform you that ...
- *С сожалением вынужден сообщить Вам, что*

regret doing (feel sorry about something that has already happened)

- I regret losing the job.
- *Мне жаль, что я потерял работу.*

remember

remember to do (the remembering occurs before the action)

- He always remembers to pay his bills.
- *Он никогда не забывает оплатить счета.*

remember doing (the remembering occurs after the ac-tion)

- He remembers paying the bill.
- *Он помнит, что оплатил счет.*

forget

forget to do (the result of forgetting is that the ac-tion doesn't take place)

- I forgot to post the letter.
- *Я забыл отправить письмо.*

forget doing (an action is forgotten after it takes place)

- I forgot posting the letter.
- *Я забыл, что отправил письмо*

stop

stop to do (stop for the purpose of accomplish-ing a task)

- He stopped to buy a newspaper.
- *Он остановился, чтобы купить газету.*

stop doing (interrupt an action in progress)

- He stopped buying newspapers.
- *Он перестал покупать газеты.*

mean

mean to do (intend to do something)

- I meant to get up early.
- *Я собирался встать рано.*

mean doing (involve doing something) is used with an impersonal subject only!

- Getting this job would mean getting up early.
- *Если согласиться на эту работу, придется вставать рано.*

go on

go on to do (finish doing something and move to something different)

- On graduating from high school he went on to study at Harvard.
- *Окончив школу, он продолжил учебу в Гарварде.*

go on doing (continue doing the same thing)

- He went on studying medicine though his father objected.
- *Он продолжал изучать медицину, несмотря на возражения отца.*

to be afraid

to be afraid to do (not to have courage to do something)

- I am afraid to ask her this question.
- *Я не решаюсь задать ей этот вопрос.*

to be afraid of doing (to be afraid that what is referred to by gerund may happen)

- I am afraid of being asked this question.
- *Я боюсь, что мне зададут этот вопрос.*

to be ashamed

to be ashamed to do (to feel ashamed because one will have to do something)

- I am ashamed to borrow money.
- *Мне стыдно брать деньги займы.*

to be ashamed of doing (to feel ashamed because of some-thing one has already done)

- I am ashamed of borrowing money again.
- *Мне стыдно, что я снова занял деньги.*

want

want + to-inf (= wish)

- I want to go home.

want + -ing form (= sth needs to be done)

- These windows want cleaning.
- *Окна нужно помыть.*