

## **Gerunds and Infinitives:**

### **Verbs followed by a gerund:**

**admit:** *He admitted stealing the money*  
**appreciate:** *I appreciate you helping me like this*  
**avoid:** *My boss always tries to avoid going to meetings*  
**can't stand:** *I can't stand waiting for my compute to boot up, it's so slow*  
**can't help:** *Shirley can't help crying when she thinks of her dead sister*  
**consider:** *Microsoft considered buying Yahoo, but decided not to*  
**delay:** *John delayed sending the email because he was afraid of the reaction*  
**deny:** *The suspect denied having any contact with the victim*  
**enjoy:** *I really enjoyed going out with you tonight, let's do it again sometime!*  
**fancy:** *Do you fancy eating Indian food this evening?*  
**finish:** *Have you finished writing the report yet?*  
**give up:** *After a few weeks, Jeremy gave up learning Chinese*  
**imagine:** *Can you imagine giving a speech to thousands of people?*  
**involve:** *The project involved thousands of people from all continents*  
**justify:** *We really can't justify spending that much money on relocation*  
**keep on:** *The government will have to keep on making spending cuts to pay off its debts*  
**mention:** *I think you should mention studying with Dr. Smith on your CV*  
**mind:** *I don't mind doing it, but it's really not my job*  
**miss:** *Jane was so disappointed to have missed seeing Justin Bieber in concert*  
**postpone:** *I'm afraid we have to postpone releasing the new product until June*  
**practise:** *I've been practising using this new device for a week, but I'm still not good*  
**resent:** *Mark resenting being transferred to Hartlepool*  
**resist:** *His idea was so stupid and he even resisted listening to my suggestions*  
**suggest:** *Can I suggest leaving this work for someone else to do?*  
**tolerate:** *It's not always easy to tolerate doing things we don't like*

### **Verbs followed by an infinitive:**

**agree:** *The buyers wouldn't agree to sign the contract until we modified it*  
**aim:** *This year we aim to reduce spending and increase profits*  
**arrange:** *The boss has arranged to call the client next Friday*  
**ask:** *I can't believe she asked you to do that!*  
**attempt:** *Our competitor attempted to discredit our new director*  
**can't afford:** *I'm sorry, but I can't afford to invest any money right now*  
**can't wait:** *I can't wait to get my hands on a new iPad!*  
**choose:** *Finally, we chose to buy a netbook*  
**decide:** *What have you decided to do?*  
**expect:** *I don't think we can expect to win the case*  
**fail:** *The new product failed to achieve the sales we wanted*  
**happen:** *Do you happen to know about this?*  
**hope:** *I hope to go to university next year*  
**learn:** *Julie learned to play the piano in six months*  
**long:** *I'm longing to go on holiday*  
**manage:** *The firemen managed to put out the fire after two days*  
**neglect:** *That's the clause we neglected to put in the contract*  
**offer:** *She offered to help, but he refused*  
**plan:** *What are you planning to do after you finish school?*  
**prepare:** *Sheila is preparing to come home after two years abroad*  
**pretend:** *Sometimes I just pretend to be interested when people are talking*  
**promise:** *But you promised to send it to me yesterday*  
**refuse:** *I took it back to the shop, but they refused to give me my money back*  
**seem:** *It seems to have broken*  
**tend:** *This product tends to break after a couple of months*  
**want:** *He wanted to join me after work, but I was too busy*