



**B1 -**

# Understanding verb patterns

Learn the difference between “stop to help or stop helping” by using gerunds and infinitives correctly

# Awareness of different verb combinations

1. “I enjoy watching movies.”
  2. “I want to watch a movie.”
  3. “I stopped watching the movie.”
  4. “I stopped to watch the movie.”
- A. What’s the difference between each sentence?
  - B. Which one talks about stopping one thing and doing something else?
  - C. Which one shows what you enjoy in general?

# Key verbs and how they function

## Verb + Gerund:

enjoy, avoid, suggest

## Verb + Infinitive:

want, hope, decide, plan

## Verb + Gerund or Infinitive (different meaning):

stop, try, remember, forget



## Matching task:

**Create sentences by matching the above mentioned verbs with a gerund, infinitive, or both.**

# Verbs that take both a gerund or an infinitive (different meaning)

## Verb:

Stop

Remember

Try



## + Gerund

I stopped smoking.

I remember locking the door.

Try taking some medicine.

## + Infinitive

I stopped to smoke.

Remember to lock the door.

Try to take the medicine.

**What are the different meanings of these sentences above?**

# Choose the correct form of the verb (gerund or infinitive)

1. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ to music in the evenings. (*listen*)
2. He forgot \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting. (*attend*)
3. We decided \_\_\_\_\_ the train instead. (*take*)
4. Try \_\_\_\_\_ the soup. It's delicious. (*taste*)
5. She stopped \_\_\_\_\_ junk food. (*eat*)
6. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ your ID card. (*bring*)
7. They suggested \_\_\_\_\_ the presentation later. (*do*)



# Interview task ...

**In your groups, ask each other the following questions. Make notes of what your partner had said, in order to report back to the rest of the class.**

1. What do you enjoy doing after work/school?
2. What do you plan to do this weekend?
3. What have you stopped doing recently?
4. Have you ever tried doing something unusual?



# Common questions using gerunds

1. Do you enjoy cooking at home?
2. Have you ever avoided talking to someone because of a disagreement?
3. What kind of music do you like listening to?
4. Are you good at remembering people's names?
5. What do you spend a lot of time doing on weekends?



# Common questions using infinitives

1. What do you want to learn this year?
2. Do you plan to travel soon?
3. Is it difficult for you to wake up early?
4. What do you need to do today?
5. Have you decided to start any new habits?



# Luca's life

Luca is a 32-year-old graphic designer who lives in Cape Town. He enjoys waking up early and starting his day with a strong cup of coffee. After that, he usually takes a short walk to clear his mind before beginning work. He says that going outside in the morning helps him feel more focused.

During the week, Luca works from home. He likes listening to music while he designs, but he tries not to get distracted. One of his daily routines is taking a break every two hours to stretch and drink water.

In the evenings, Luca prefers reading or cooking instead of watching TV. He recently decided to learn Spanish, so he studies for 30 minutes every night. He hopes to visit Spain next year and practice speaking with locals.

On weekends, Luca enjoys meeting friends, trying new restaurants, and exploring the city. However, he avoids going out late because he likes feeling fresh on Sunday mornings.

Although he doesn't like doing housework, he knows it's important to keep his space clean. He always remembers to water the plants before going to bed.

# Decide whether each statement is 'true' or 'false' based on the text about Luca's life

1. Luca works in an office during the week.
2. He enjoys starting his mornings with a walk.
3. Luca listens to music while he works.
4. He never takes breaks during the day.
5. Luca studies Spanish in the mornings.
6. On weekends, he avoids staying out late.
7. Luca enjoys doing housework.
8. He always remembers to water his plants at night.



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