Reference Lists – Gerunds and Infinitives

Common verbs and phrases that are followed by a gerund

* admit
* advise
* avoid
* be used to
* can’t help
* can’t stand
* consider
* deny
* discuss
* dislike
* end up
* enjoy
* feel like
* finish
* forget
* get used to
* give up
* go on
* have difficulty
* have problems
* have trouble
* imagine
* it’s no use
* it’s worthwhile
* keep
* look forward to
* mention
* mind
* miss
* recommend
* remember
* quit
* spend time
* stop
* suggest
* understand
* waste time
* work at

Common verbs that can be followed by either a gerund or an infinitive without causing a change in meaning

* begin
* continue
* hate
* intend
* like
* love
* prefer
* start

Common verbs that can be followed by a gerund or infinitive but with a change in meaning

* forget
* remember
* stop

Common verbs that are followed by an infinitive

* afford
* agree
* appear
* arrange
* ask
* care
* decide
* demand
* expect
* fail
* forget
* hope
* learn
* manage
* mean
* offer
* plan
* prepare
* pretend
* promise
* refuse
* remember
* seem
* stop
* volunteer
* wait
* want
* wish

Common verbs that are directly followed by a noun or pronoun and then by an infinitive

* advise
* allow
* ask
* cause
* challenge
* command
* convince
* expect
* forbid
* force
* hire
* instruct
* invite
* order
* pay
* permit
* program
* remind
* teach
* tell
* urge
* want
* warn