

VERBS THAT CAN HAVE **INFINITIVE OR GERUND** **OBJECTS,**

with little or no difference in meaning:

_____ *studying*.

_____ *to study*.

can afford
can't bear
begin cease
commence
continue dread
hate
like loathe
love
neglect prefer
propose
(can't) stand start
undertake

VERBS THAT CAN HAVE **GERUND** OBJECTS, BUT NOT **INFINITIVES:**

(usually actual events, often past)

_____ (*his*) *studying*

gerund subjects (agents) are usually possessive (*his* , etc.)

admit
anticipate
appreciate
avoid
complete
consider
defend
delay deny
detest
discuss
dislike
enjoy
escape
excuse his
finish get through
give up
go on
can't help
imagine
involve
keep (on)
would like (him) mention
(not) mind
miss
postpone

practice
put off
quit
recall recollect
recommend
report
resent
resist
resume
risk
(can't) see stop
suggest
take up
tolerate
understand

**VERBS THAT CAN HAVE INFINITIVE OBJECTS, BUT NOT
GERUNDS:**

(often suggesting a potential or unreal event)

_____ *to study*

him = infinitive must have a subject (agent)

for him = infinitive must have a subject introduced by *for*

(him) or (for him) = subject (agent) of infinitive is optional

(none of the above = verb is followed directly by the infinitive) agree

aim

appear

appoint him

arrange (for him)

authorize him

ask (him)

beg (him)

(not) care

cause him

challenge him

choose (him)

claim command him

condescend

consent

convince him

dare (him)

decide

demand

deserve

desire

direct him

enable him

endeavor

expect (him) fail

force him

get (him)

happen
hesitate
hire him
help him
hope
instruct him
intend
invite him
lead him
learn long
manage
motivate him
need (him)
oblige him
offer
order him
pay him
persuade him
plan
prepare (him)
pretend
proceed promise
refuse
remind him
resolve
seem
select him
send him
strive
struggle
swear
tell him
tend
threaten train him
trust him
volunteer
vow
wait (for him)
want (him)
warn him
wish (him)
yearn

**VERBS THAT CAN HAVE INFINITIVE OR GERUND
OBJECTS,
but with a **difference** in meaning:**

_____ *studying*

actual:

first it happens; then there is mental activity)

_____ *to study.*

potential:

first there is mental activity about a possible future event)

attempt

forget

mean

regret

remember

try