

Verb Lists: Infinitives and Gerunds

Verbs Followed by an Infinitive

She agreed to speak before the game.

agree	consent	have	offer	shoot
aim	continue	hesitate	ought	start
appear	dare	hope	plan	stop
arrange	decide	hurry	prefer	strive
ask	deserve	intend	prepare	swear
attempt	detest	leap	proceed	threaten
be able	dislike	leave	promise	try
beg	expect	like	propose	use
begin	fail	long	refuse	wait
care	forget	love	remember	want
choose	get	mean	say	wish
condescend	happen	neglect		

Verbs Followed by an Object and an Infinitive

Everyone expected her to win.

advise	choose	have	love	remind
allow	command	hire	motivate	require
ask	dare	instruct	order	send
beg	direct	invite	pay	teach
bring	encourage	lead	permit	tell
build	expect	leave	persuade	urge
buy	forbid	let	prepare	want
challenge	force	like	promise	warn

Note: Some of these verbs are included in the list above and may be used without an object.

Verbs Followed by a Gerund

They enjoyed working on the boat.

admit	delay	finish	permit	resist
advise	deny	forbid	postpone	resume
appreciate	detest	get through	practice	risk
avoid	dislike	have	quit	spend (time)
can't help	enjoy	imagine	recall	suggest
complete	escape	mind	report	tolerate
consider	excuse	miss	resent	waste (time)

Verbs Followed by a Preposition and a Gerund

We concentrated on doing well.

admit to	depend on	plan on
approve of	disapprove of	prevent (someone) from
argue about	discourage from	refrain from
believe in	dream about	succeed in
care about	feel like	talk about
complain about	forget about	think about
concentrate on	insist on	worry about
confess to	object to	