

Gerund (ing) or Infinitive ?



only gerund (-ing)

Avoid, Begin, Consider, Delay, Deny, Finish, Imagine, Involve, Keep, Mention, Mind, Miss, Quit, Prevent, Recommend, Resist, Risk, Suggest, Understand



only infinitive

Afford, Agree, Aim, Appear, Arrange, Ask, Choose, Dare, Decide, Demand, Deserve, Expect, Hope, Intend, Learn, Manage, Mean, Plan, Prepare, Seem, Tend, Want

I **considered** mov**ing** abroad.

I **plan to move** abroad soon.

Verbs followed by both with a difference in meaning

gerund (-ing)

She stopped eating**ing**.
Maybe she finished her meal

stop

infinitive

She stopped **to eat**.
She took a break and decided to eat

I'll never forget eating**ing** that pie.
A memory in the past

forget
or remember

I forgot **to eat** that pie.
Now it's too late
A (lack of) memory in the present

It's hot in here. Try opening**ing** that window.
Experiment something

try

I tried **to open** that window and couldn't. It's jammed.
Make an effort

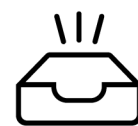
Verbs of preference

only gerund

can't stand, detest, enjoy
I hate eating**ing** aubergine.

like
love
hate

only infinitive



there aren't

I **like** swim**ing**
General preference

prefer

I like **to swim** in the morning
Specific situation, or habit

Verbs of perception

gerund

I saw her dancing**ing** yesterday.
I saw a part of the presentation

see
watch
feel
notice

infinitive (without to)

I saw her **dance** yesterday.
I saw the entire presentation