


Gerunds

Part 4

Gerunds and Infinitives Difference in Meaning





There are a number of verbs which can take both forms gerund or the infinitive. Most of these keep the meaning the same. Some verbs which can take both forms have a change in meaning depending on whether the verb is followed by the gerund or the infinitive.

Difference in meaning



forget

- **He'll never forget *spending* so much money on his first computer.**

looks back in the past

- **Don't forget *to spend* money on the tickets.**

looks into the future

Difference in meaning

Try

- **He tried going to a fitness club.**

to test something.

- **you should try to go to a fitness club.**

to do something that is not easy



Difference in meaning

Regret

- 
- **She regrets moving to Chicago.**

to express that someone doesn't like what they did
at some time in the past

- **I regret to tell you the bad news.**

to do in the case that someone must do something
that is unpleasant

Difference in meaning

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Remember

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- **I remember switching off the lights when I went on holiday.**
looks back in the past
- **Remember to switch off the lights when you go on holiday.**
looks into the future

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Difference in meaning

Stopped

- **I stopped running.**

to stop with an activity

- **I stopped to run.**

to stop in order to do something

Difference in meaning

Used to

- **He is used to smoking**

He still smokes

- **He used to smoke**

He does not smoke any more.

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