

verb + INFINITIVE OR GERUND

VERB + ING

STOP ~ ENJOY ~ DISLIKE ~ ADMIT ~ CONSIDER ~ MISS ~ FINISH ~ IMAGINE ~ DENY ~ INVOLVE ~ POSTPONE ~ DELAY ~ SUGGEST ~ REGRET ~ AVOID ~ PRACTICE ~ RISK

GIVE UP (STOP)
GO ON (CONTINUE)
PUT OFF (POSTPONE)
KEEP OR KEEP ON (DO SOMETHING CONTINUOUSLY OR REPEATEDLY)

VERB + INF

AGREE ~ OFFER ~ DECIDE ~ APPEAR ~ FORGET ~ NEED ~ REFUSE ~ ATTEMPT ~ PLAN ~ SEEM ~ LEARN (HOW) ~ MEAN ~ PROMISE ~ MANAGE ~ ARRANGE ~ PRETEND ~ DARE ~ INTEND ~ THREATEN ~ FAIL ~ HOPE ~ AFFORD ~ TEND

CONTINUOUS INFINITIVE & PERFECT INFINITIVE

APPEAR ~ PRETEND ~ SEEM

-He seems to be doing better at school

-He pretended to have known the actor

Question words

DARE TO OR DARE

Ask
Decide
Know
Remember
Forget
Explain
understand

How
Where
When
etc

TO

VERB + OBJECT + INFINITIVE

VERB + INFINITIVE OR VERB + OBJECT INFINITIVE

WANT ~ ASK ~ EXPECT ~ HELP ~ WOULD LIKE ~ WOULD PREFER

He asked to see the manager or he asked me to help him

ADVISE ~ ENCOURAGE ~ ALLOW ~ PERMIT

VERB + ING

VERB + OBJECT + INFINITIVE

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TELL ~ REMIND ~ FORCE ~ ENABLE ~ PERSUADE ~ ORDER ~ WARN ~ INVITE ~ TEACH (HOW) ~ GET (=PERSUADE)

MAKE & LET

(do not use to - only in passive)

Verb + base form
(He made/let me do it)

INFINITIVE OR GERUND

TO

no change

Like to -
Love to -
Hate to -
Prefer to -
Can't bear to -
Can't stand to -

Preference or Habit

ING

Like +ing -
Love +ing -
Hate +ing -
Prefer +ing -
Can't bear +ing -
Can't stand +ing -

Emphasis is on the experience or action

with *Would*

hate, like, love, prefer, we use the TO-infinitive, not the -ING.

EITHER INFINITIVE OR GERUND

REMEMBER

REMEMBER to send the letter (DON'T FORGET)

REMEMBER

REMEMBER sending the letter (MEMORY of past action)

TRY

TRY to do it with your eyes shut (ATTEMPT - difficult)

TRY

TRY calling him later (SUGGEST alternatives)

STOP

STOP to think what next. (INTERRUPT an action)

STOP

STOP eating sweet. (NO LONGER DO)

REGRET

I REGRET to inform you ... (SORRY to say)

REGRET

I REGRET stealing the sweets (WISH you had not..)

MEAN

I MEANT to send the letter (INTEND)

MEAN

That MEANS giving up smoking (INVOLVES)

GO ON

He WENT ON TO talk about... (STOP one action to BEGIN another)

GO ON

He WENT ON talking ... (CONTINUED)