








Verb Formation

Verbs must be used in a very special way in sentences. If there is more than one verb in a sentence, that second verb follows the verb formation rules. There are three forms of the verb: bare infinitive, to + infinitive and gerund.

| Bare Infinitive | To + infinitive | Gerund |
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|  Modal verbs |  After an adjective  After an object  With certain verbs |  After a preposition  Becoming the subject  With certain verbs |
| In the negative, we convert the modal verb into its negative form | Make sure you're making the right verb negative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First verb negative → tense rules • Second verb negative → not | Make sure you're making the right verb negative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First verb negative → tense rules • Second verb negative → not |



LOOK OUT

- ⚠ Some verbs use both the to + infinitive verb forms and the gerund, with no difference in meaning
- ⚠ You simply need to learn which verbs use each verb formation