

Verb Formation

Verb	Formation	Example
admit	gerund	He admitted wasting his money on a horse
advise	gerund	I always advise driving slower
agree	to + infinitive	We agreed to sell the house
aim	to + infinitive	We are aiming to learn German this year
allow	gerund	I can't allow using phones in the exam
appear	to + infinitive	They appear to be very happy
appreciate	gerund	We really appreciate letting us stay with you
arrange	to + infinitive	I will arrange to move everything, don't worry
ask	to + infinitive	Could we ask to stay with you, it's late!
attempt	to + infinitive	He attempted to steal from me!
avoid	gerund	Luckily, we avoid having a very serious accident
begin	to + infinitive gerund	They began to bake the cake They began baking the cake
can	infinitive	We can go on holiday next year
celebrate	gerund	We are celebrating buying a new house!
choose	to + infinitive	You chose to move school, remember
claim	to + infinitive	He claims to know everybody in this city
come	to + infinitive	I came to pay the electricity bill
confess	gerund	She confessed stealing the money from me



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consider	gerund	Would you consider getting another dog?
continue	to + infinitive gerund	They continued to get good grades They continued getting good grades
could	infinitive	We could watch a film?
decide	to + infinitive	I decided to paint my bedroom
delay	gerund	She delayed leaving her job
demand	to + infinitive	I demand to speak to your boss
deserve	to + infinitive	We think she deserves to know the truth
detest	gerund	I detest waiting in line for so long
discuss	gerund	They discussed getting a puppy
dislike	gerund	I dislike watching your behaviour
enjoy	gerund	II really enjoy walking in the city
escape	gerund	Luckily, we escaped having that difficult discussion
expect	to + infinitive	I didn't expect to see you here
explain	gerund	Can you please explain buying so much food!
fail	to + infinitive	She failed to understand my point of view
finish	gerund	Have you finished doing your homework yet?
forget	to + infinitive	Don't forget to put the laundry in!
get	to + infinitive	I'm so excited we get to see mum next week
guarantee	to + infinitive	This is guaranteed to backfire for you
hate	to + infinitive gerund	Why do you hate to stay here? Why do you hate staying here?
hope	to + infinitive	I really hope to see you at the party tonight
keep	gerund	Why do you keep acting so badly?
learn	to + infinitive	My son just learnt to walk
like	to + infinitive gerund	I like to watch romcoms I like watching romcoms



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love	to + infinitive gerund	We love to have you here We love having you here
manage	to + infinitive	We managed to escape the fire
mean	to + infinitive	I didn't mean to offend you
mention	gerund	Why did you mention dating, now it's awkward!
mind	gerund	Do you mind watching them for a while?
must	infinitive	They must do their homework now
need	to + infinitive	We need to work together
offer	to + infinitive	I offer to pay for this, don't worry
pay	to + infinitive	I was paid to be your girlfriend
plan	to + infinitive	They plan to visit France next year
practise	gerund	We need to practise speaking in English
prepare	to + infinitive	She is preparing to leave next week
pretend	to + infinitive	Stop pretending to care!
promise	to + infinitive	I promise to be there for you, always
recommend	gerund	I don't recommend watching this film
refuse	to + infinitive	I'm sorry, I refuse to believe you
request	to + infinitive	We requested to speak to your boss. Is that going to happen?
seem	to + infinitive	She seems to be very sad today
suggest	gerund	Why did you suggest going on holiday together?
understand	gerund	I understand wanting to get good grades but you can't cheat!
wait	to + infinitive	Let's wait to see what happens
want	to + infinitive	I want to see him this afternoon, please
would like	to + infinitive	We would like to book an appointment

