



Basic Verb Formation Recap

Many sentences in English place two main verbs next to each other.

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They **continued working** together

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The first verb is
conjugated according
to the subject and
tense.

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The second verb
changes according to
the verb formation
rules.

The second main verb could use one of three verb forms.

Infinitive

To + Infinitive

Gerund
(ING)

Depending on the rest of the sentence and its grammatical function, we can choose the correct verb form.

Bare Infinitive	To + infinitive	Gerund (ING)
 Modal verbs <i>We should do yoga</i>	 After an adjective <i>I'd be happy to help</i>  After an object <i>I asked him to help me</i>  With certain verbs	 After a preposition <i>I plan on going to town</i>  Becoming the subject <i>Cycling is fun</i>  With certain verbs

When it comes to certain verbs using each structure,
you can use our list below.

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However, there is a group of verbs that throw these rules out the window. These verbs can use two forms but the meaning changes depending on which form is used.

To + Infinitive

Gerund
(ING)