

Notes

Verbs and Prepositions followed by gerunds:

Which sentence is correct? 1, 2 Or both?

1. I enjoy to watch old movies. (not correct) **X**
2. I enjoy watching old movies. (correct)

First of all, what's a "gerund"?

Gerund: ing! "an English noun formed from a verb by adding -ing";

***a present participle used as a noun.**

A. Verbs: enjoy, avoid, don't mind.

***There are many more verbs that follow with a gerund only, such as:**

can't help; can't see; complete; consider; delay; despise; deny; discuss; dislike; imagine; keep; practice; postpone; mention; risk; suggest;

1. **Enjoy:** as we said before we do not follow with an infinitive after "enjoy". We use a gerund. For example, what are some things you enjoy?

I enjoy **trying** new foods;

I enjoy **traveling**

I enjoy **going** camping

I enjoy **playing** sports.

***Also, you can use a regular noun after a gerund: I enjoy **sports, soccer, scary movies**, etc.**

2. **Avoid: also, only gerund, no infinitive.**

I avoid **staying up** late.

I avoid **eating** fast food. Also: I avoid fast food.

I avoid **speeding**.

3. **Don't mind: also, only gerund, no infinitive.**

I don't mind **helping** you move

I don't mind **giving** you a ride

I don't mind **paying** for dinner;

*Don't say: I don't mind **to help** you. Or I don't mind **to pay** for dinner. **X**

B. Prepositions

in, into, on, onto, for, to, about, from, above, over, etc...

- *Pretty much All prepositions Follow with a gerund*

***Into:** I'm into **playing** soccer. I'm into *soccer*. I'm not into **playing** soccer.

I'm into **traveling**.

I'm into **checking out** new restaurants.

I'm into **learning** new languages

***feel like:** (**when "like" is used with "feel" in this phrase, "like" is a preposition.)

I feel like **taking** a walk.

I feel like **staying** home and **watching** a movie.

I don't feel like **doing** my homework.

C. Infinitives OR Gerunds possible:

Infinitive: to + verb

***Can't Stand:**

I can't stand **being** in a messy room. I can't stand **to be** in a messy room.

I can't stand **driving** in slow traffic. I can't stand **to drive** in slow traffic.

***Love and Hate:**

I love **taking** my friends to cool new clubs. I love **to take** my friends to cool new clubs.

I hate **getting up** for early morning classes. I hate **to get up** for early morning classes.

***Like**

I like **getting up**; I like **to get up** early.

I like **working out**; I like **to work out**.

***Prefer**

I prefer **riding** my bicycle to work; I prefer **to ride** my bicycle to work.