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#### Reading (Reading)

<p>She <b>wants to go</b> to the movie theater. (She wants to go to the movie theater.)</p>	<p>I'm <b>planning to work</b> in Canada. (I'm planning to work in Canada.)</p>
<p>He <b>enjoys swimming</b>. (He enjoys swimming.)</p>	<p>I <b>miss talking</b> to my friends. (I miss talking to my friends.)</p>

The man **started running**.  
(The man started running.)

The man **started to run**.  
(The man started to run.)

She **stopped smoking**.  
(She stopped smoking.)

She **stopped to smoke**.  
(She stopped to smoke.)

## Grammar focus (Grammar focus)

❖ Some verbs are followed only by infinitive to describe the subject of the action, for example, “want to do something” or “expect to do something”. These verbs cannot be followed by the gerund. The following verbs are in this category:

*want, expect, intend, decide, hesitate, wish, hope, promise, plan, offer, agree, manage, pretend, etc.*

❖ Some verbs are followed only by the gerund to describe the subject of the action, for example, “finish doing something” or “enjoy doing something”. These verbs cannot be followed by infinitive.

The following verbs are in this category:

*finish, enjoy, appreciate, miss, help, admit, mind, avoid, escape, postpone, permit, suggest, etc.*

❖ Some verbs can be followed by either the infinitive or the gerund to describe the subject of the action, for example, “like to do something” or “like doing something”. The following verbs are in this category: *like, love, start, begin, etc.*

❖ Lastly, some verbs can be followed by both the infinitive and gerund to describe the subject of the action, but the meaning differs, depending on whether you use the gerund or the infinitive. For example, “stop to do something” and “stop doing something” have different meanings. The following verbs are in this category: *stop, forget, remember, regret, etc.*

## Speaking (Speaking)

1) The models practiced walking with a book on their heads.

(The models practiced walking with a book on their heads.)

2) I really appreciate having the opportunity to work here.

(I really appreciate having the opportunity to work here.)

3) I agree to help Gina with her homework.

(I agree to help Gina with her homework.)

4) Alex promised to take care of my dog while I'm on vacation.

(Alex promised to take care of my dog while I'm on vacation.)

5) I hope to graduate from college next year.

(I hope to graduate from college next year.)

6) Do you mind helping me remove this stuff?

(Do you mind helping me remove this stuff?)

7) I remembered to do my homework.

(I remembered to do my homework.)

8) I remember doing my homework.

(I remember doing my homework.)

9) We love driving cars.

(We love driving cars.)

10) We love to drive cars.

(We love to drive cars.)

11) She tried to solve the question.

(She tried to solve the question.)

12) She tried solving the question.

(She tried solving the question.)

## Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

- 1) He \_\_\_\_\_ a student in order to get a student discount.  
(He pretended to be a student in order to get a student discount.)
  
- 2) Please \_\_\_\_\_ beer every day. (Please avoid drinking beer every day.)
  
- 3) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ for help when you don't understand the lesson.  
(Don't hesitate to ask for help when you don't understand the lesson.)
  
- 4) They will \_\_\_\_\_ with the specialist because they're busy.  
(They will postpone meeting with the specialist because they're busy.)
  
- 5) She \_\_\_\_\_ horror movies.  
(She likes watching (to watch) horror movies.)
  
- 6) I \_\_\_\_\_ after a meal!  
(I love eating (to eat) dessert after a meal ! )
  
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ with them. (Stop communicating with them.)
  
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ with them at that corner.  
(Stop to communicate with them at that corner.)

## Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) He planned to visit our house in Miami.
- 2) She suggested seeing a movie after work. (useful vocabulary: suggest = **suggest**)
- 3) Gerry wants to study abroad next year.
- 4) He loves to drive his own car.
- 5) Please avoid using the cellphone during the takeoff. (useful vocabulary: takeoff = **takeoff**)
- 6) Try pushing the button to see what happens.