

When you have two verbs in a sentence, the **SECOND** verb takes either the **GERUND** (verb +ing) or the **INFINITIVE** (to + verb) form.

Which form do you use? It depends on the first verb. The best way to know which form to use is to *remember* these verbs. Practice listening and speaking as much as possible, and they will start to become second nature.

Examples:

VERBS THAT REQUIRE A GERUND

Format: Verb 1 + Verb 2 + ing

Dislike	I dislike running. I dislike waking up early.	He dislikes eating vegetables.
Enjoy	I enjoy playing soccer. We enjoy eating ice cream.	He enjoys skiing.
Involve	The class involved writing a lot.	The game involves running.
Suggest	I suggest reading English articles.	The doctor suggests exercising.
Avoid	We avoid eating too much sugar.	With sunscreen, I avoid getting sunburned.

VERBS THAT REQUIRE AN INFINITIVE

Format: Verb 1 + to + Verb 2

Want	He wants to see a movie.	We want to go to the park.
Need	I need to sleep. We need to leave.	He needs to take a shower.
Learn	You are learning to speak English.	The dog learns to sit.
Decide	We decide to shop at the mall.	She decides to eat a sandwich.
Plan	I plan to lose weight.	We plan to have a party.

VERBS THAT CAN USE BOTH

Like	Do you like swimming?	Do you like to swim?
Love	I love running in the morning.	I love to run in the morning.
Hate	You hate being wrong.	You hate to be wrong.
Prefer	I prefer reading comic books.	I prefer to read comic books.
Start	I started dancing when I was ten.	I started to dance after a glass of wine.