**VERBS TAKING THE GERUND OR THE INFINITIVE WITH A CHANGE IN MEANING**

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| **GERUND** | **INFINITIVE** |
| **1.He stopped smoking on his doctor’s advice. ( to give up)** | **He stopped to smoke. ( in order to)** |
| **2.I like/love cooking. ( to enjoy)** | **I like/love to cook my meals.( find it right)** |
| **3.She hates getting to the theatre late. ( to dislike strongly)** | **I hate to trouble you. (to regret)** |
| **4.I am sorry for hurting you. (I did it and now I am sorry for that)** | **I am sorry to sell you that you have failed your exam. (to regret)** |
| **5.I regret hurting you.( I did it and now I regret it)** | **I regret to say that you have failed your exam. ( with a future reference)** |
| **6.I remember posting your letter. (I did it)** | **When leaving remember to switch off the light. (Not to forget to do it)** |
| **7.She will never forget going to her first party. ( she did it)** | **Tom forgot to pay the electricity bill.** |
| **8.I prefer walking to cycling. (In general)** | **I prefer to wait here. (In particular) or I’d prefer to wait here.** |
| **9.John wants to attend a language course, it means sacrificing his free time. (to involve)** | **We mean to complete this project by December. (to intend)** |
| **10.I am afraid of flying by plane.( phobia)** | **I am afraid to tell my mom that I got a “2” at school. ( be afraid of the reaction)** |
| **11.She was watching TV when I called on her, after my visit she went on watching TV.( No change of activity )** | **After finishing her BA, she went on to get a Master’s degree. (with a change of activity)** |
| **12. Your hair needs/wants/cutting. ( It’s high time I did it)** | **I need/ want to buy a new laptop ( to intend)** |
| **13. Try / Attempt adding some more sauce to your pasta ( just do it as an experiment)** | **She tried/ attempted hard to cope with her new job. ( to make efforts)** |
| **14. I dread going to the dentist. ( to hate it in general)** | **I dread to think what will happen next. ( not to want to think about the consequences of a particular situation in the future)** |