

GERUND OR TO+INFINITIVE

We use the **gerund** after:

1. **Prepositions**: - She left without *saying* goodbye.
2. After **certain verbs**: - I love *cooking* but I hate *cleaning*. – I don't mind *driving*.
3. As the **subject** of a sentence: - *Eating* in a restaurant is expensive. – *Swimming* is good exercise.

Comentario [N1]: Some common verbs followed by the gerund are: *like, love, hate, enjoy, mind, finish, stop.*

We use **to+infinitive**:

1. To indicate **purpose**: - I went out *to post* the letter.
2. After **adjectives**: - it's difficult *to learn* a language.
3. After **certain verbs**: - Would you like *to come*?

Comentario [N2]: The most common verbs followed by the infinitive are: would like, want, need, decide, hope, expect, plan, forget, seem, try, promise, offer, refuse, learn, manage.

After auxiliary verbs and modal verbs, we use the infinitive without "to": - Can you play tennis?

Exercise: Complete with *to do* or *doing*:

1. a. What do you hate.....in the house?
b. What are you thinking ofnext summer?
c. What do you wanttonight?
d. What do you likein your free time?
e. Are you planninganything next weekend?
2. Complete with a verb in the gerund or infinitive.
 - a. Could you help me make the dinner?
Sorry, I'm not very good at(cook).
 - b. Would you liketo the cinema tonight? (go)
I cannot. I need.....(study)I've got an exam tomorrow.
 - c. Why are you going to the supermarket now?
.....some milk. We haven't got any. (buy)
 - d. Why don't we take your car?
Because.....in the city centre is a nightmare, and it's impossible
..... There aren't enough car parks. (drive, park)
 - e. I don't really enjoy.....sport, but I don't mind tennis. In fact, my girlfriend is trying.....how to play. (practise/ teach).
 - f.TV is a waste of time.
 - g. Has it stoppedyet? I forgotmy umbrella this morning and I don't wantwet. (rain/ take/ get)
 - h. He went to the travel agent'sa holiday in Bermuda. He's hoping.....windsurfing while he's there. (book/ do)