

Verbs That Change Meaning with the Infinitive or Gerund

Practice worksheet with mixed exercises and answer key

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Instructions: Choose carefully. Some verbs change meaning depending on whether they are followed by the infinitive or the gerund.

A. Choose the correct form

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets: the infinitive or the gerund.

1. Please remember _____ the windows before you leave. (close)
2. I remember _____ that old castle when I was a child. (visit)
3. Ben forgot _____ his homework to school again. (bring)
4. I will never forget _____ my first students. (teach)
5. We regret _____ you that the Friday lesson has been cancelled. (inform)
6. She regrets _____ such an unkind message. (send)
7. After finishing university, he went on _____ as a journalist. (work)
8. Despite the interruption, the speaker went on _____. (talk)
9. I need _____ my notes before the lesson. (organise)
10. This essay needs _____ before you submit it. (check)
11. Try _____ a little earlier tomorrow. (leave)
12. If your phone is frozen, try _____ it off and on again. (turn)
13. We stopped _____ some water on our way home. (buy)
14. My uncle stopped _____ two years ago. (smoke)
15. I meant _____ you last night, but I fell asleep. (call)
16. Being a teacher often means _____ work home. (take)
17. Don't forget _____ me when you arrive. (text)
18. She remembered _____ the door, so she didn't go back. (lock)
19. The living-room carpet needs _____. (clean)
20. He tried _____ the heavy box, but it would not move. (lift)

B. Match each sentence to its meaning

Sentence	Meaning
1. I stopped to answer my phone.	_____
2. I stopped answering his messages.	_____
3. Try adding a little more water.	_____
4. Try to add a little more water.	_____
5. She went on to study medicine.	_____
6. She went on studying in spite of the noise.	_____
7. I regret to say that you were not selected.	_____
8. I regret saying that in anger.	_____

Meanings: A. continue studying; B. make an effort; C. do one thing next; D. feel sorry about something already done; E. pause one activity in order to do another; F. give bad news in a formal way; G. experiment with a possible solution; H. stop an activity completely

C. Correct the mistake

Each sentence contains one mistake. Rewrite it correctly.

1. I remembered to meeting her at a conference in London.

2. We regret telling you that your order has been delayed.

3. He tried fixing the shelf, but he still could not do it. _____

4. She stopped to drink coffee last month. _____

5. After school, Nina went on teaching at university. _____

6. This report needs to checking before publication. _____

7. I forgot posting the letter, so it is still in my bag. _____

8. Being a pilot means to travel a lot. _____

D. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning

Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I intended to email you, but I got distracted. (MEANT)
I _____ you, but I got distracted.
2. This bathroom needs to be cleaned. (CLEANING)
This bathroom _____.
3. He paused the film because he wanted to make tea. (STOPPED)
He _____ tea.
4. I have a clear memory of seeing snow for the first time. (REMEMBER)
I _____ snow for the first time.
5. She continued explaining the rule. (WENT)
She _____ the rule.
6. Please do not fail to bring your ID card. (FORGET)
Please _____ your ID card.
7. I am sorry that I spoke so harshly. (REGRET)
I _____ so harshly.
8. Taking this course will involve studying every weekend. (MEAN)
Taking this course will _____ every weekend.

E. Write your own sentences

Write one sentence for each prompt. Follow the meaning in brackets.

1. remember + doing (a real memory from your past)

2. remember + to do (something important for later today)

3. try + doing (a suggestion or experiment)

4. stop + doing (a habit you would like to give up)

5. mean + to do (an intention you had recently)

6. need + doing (something in your home that requires attention)

Answer Key

A. Choose the correct form

- 1 close
- 2 visiting
- 3 to bring
- 4 teaching
- 5 to inform
- 6 sending
- 7 to work
- 8 talking
- 9 to organise
- 10 checking
- 11 to leave
- 12 turning
- 13 to buy
- 14 smoking
- 15 to call
- 16 taking
- 17 to text
- 18 locking
- 19 cleaning
- 20 to lift

B. Match each sentence to its meaning

- 1 E
- 2 H
- 3 G
- 4 B
- 5 C
- 6 A
- 7 F
- 8 D

C. Correct the mistake

- 1 I remembered meeting her at a conference in London.
- 2 We regret to tell you that your order has been delayed.
- 3 He tried to fix the shelf, but he still could not do it.

- 4 She stopped drinking coffee last month.
- 5 After school, Nina went on to teach / went on to work at university.
- 6 This report needs checking before publication.
- 7 I forgot to post the letter, so it is still in my bag.
- 8 Being a pilot means travelling a lot.

D. Suggested answers

- 1 meant to email
- 2 needs cleaning
- 3 stopped to make
- 4 remember seeing
- 5 went on explaining
- 6 do not forget to bring
- 7 regret speaking
- 8 mean studying

E. Sample answers

Answers will vary. Check that the student has used the correct structure and meaning.

Possible examples:

- I remember visiting the seaside with my grandparents every summer.
- I must remember to email my students this evening.
- Try reading the sentence aloud if the meaning is not clear.
- I want to stop eating so many sweets.
- I meant to finish the report yesterday.
- The kitchen window needs cleaning.

Teacher's note: In Section C, item 5 can have more than one acceptable correction if the meaning remains clear and the verb pattern is correct.