Gerunds and InfinitivesThe *to* + infinitive after these [verb](http://www.grammaring.com/glossary/3/letterv#term190)s expresses purpose as it replaces a purpose [clause](http://www.grammaring.com/glossary/3/letterc#term138), while the gerund is the [object](http://www.grammaring.com/glossary/3/lettero#term169) of the verb and refers to a [complete](http://www.grammaring.com/glossary/3/letterc#term139)d [action](http://www.grammaring.com/glossary/3/lettera#term196).

*Don’t****forget to meet****her at 10 this morning. (= You should meet her at 10…)
I’ll never****forget meeting****her for the first time. (= I’ll never forget when I met her the first time.)*

*When you were in London did you****remember to visit****the British Museum? (= …did you remember that you should visit the British Museum?)
I don’t****remember****ever****visiting****this museum. (= I don’t remember if I have ever visited this museum.)*

*We****regret to tell****you that your application has been rejected. (= We are sorry that we have to tell you…)
I****regret telling****her about the party. (= I am sorry that I have told her about the party.)*

*Wherever you are,****go on to read****the next chapter. (= Continue with the next chapter.)****Go on reading****the article. (= Continue reading the article.)*

*We****stopped to drink****a cup of coffee. (= We stopped in order to drink a cup of coffee.)
Why don’t you****stop drinking****coffee? (= Why don’t you give up drinking coffee?)*

*I****tried to give up****smoking but I couldn’t. (= I made an attempt to give up smoking but I failed.)
I****tried giving up****smoking but it didn’t help. (= I gave up smoking but it didn’t help.)*

*I didn’t* ***mean to call you.*** (=I didn’t intend to call you)

Arriving late to work **means staying later**. (=Because I was late, I have to stay later).

After these verbs *to* + infinitive expresses future, while the gerund refers to past, relative to the time of speaking

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| 1.  Miranda stopped  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the horror film as it was getting too scary. *(watch)*2.  I was late for work because I stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  to some friends.*(talk)*3.  We regret \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  you that our hotel is fully booked until the end of August.  *(inform)*4.  Max regrets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  to the meeting. It was a waste of time. *(go)*5.  I clearly remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Grace at the party. She was talking to Charlotte and Amy. *(see)*6.  Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  your grandmother tomorrow. It's her birthday. *(call)*7.  Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your swimsuits!  There's a lovely pool at the hotel. *(pack)*8.  Amanda will never forget \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Lady Gaga in concert. What a great night out! *(see)*9.  Real Madrid tried very hard \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  a goal but they just couldn't get through Barcelona's defence. *(score)*10.  For a delicious alternative try \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  olive instead of butter to pasta. *(add)*11. Sorry, I didn’t mean\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you. I was trying to call my Mom. (call)12. Being a good friend means\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in difficult times. (help) |