

Gerunds and Infinitives The *to* + infinitive after these verbs expresses purpose as it replaces a purpose clause, while the gerund is the object of the verb and refers to a completed action.

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

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*)

