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Verbs that are followed by other verbs can take either the gerund or the infinitive. A gerund is a verb ending in "ing" that functions as a noun. An infinitive is the basic or root form of a verb, typically preceded with "to." Understanding how these words function is a crucial step in developing your English skills. The following lists of verbs followed by other verbs will help you practice using gerunds and infinitives within simple sentences. Note how the gerund and infinitive verbs (italicized) are used within the sample sentences.

#### Verbs Followed by the Gerund

| <b>Verb</b>        | <b>Definition</b>                      | <b>Example Sentence</b>                                 |
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| <b>abhor</b>       | to hate                                | John abhors working outdoors.                           |
| <b>acknowledge</b> | to recognize what someone has done     | She acknowledges his working hard on the project.       |
| <b>admit</b>       | to say that you have done              | Peter admits wasting time and money.                    |
| <b>advise</b>      | to give advice                         | I advise saving a little money every month.             |
| <b>allow</b>       | to permit                              | She allows using smartphones in class.                  |
| <b>anticipate</b>  | to expect                              | I anticipate visiting New York next month.              |
| <b>appreciate</b>  | to be grateful for                     | Jack appreciates your helping him out with the project. |
| <b>avoid</b>       | to try not to do                       | She avoids dating men over 30.                          |
| <b>be worth</b>    | to be a good idea to spend the time on | It's worth spending some time on the grammar.           |
| <b>can't help</b>  | to be able to not do                   | Tom can't help complaining about the heat.              |
| <b>celebrate</b>   | to party about                         | We'll celebrate working together for over 50 years.     |
| <b>confess</b>     | to admit that you did                  | Alice confessed stealing the money from her sister.     |
| <b>consider</b>    | to think about                         | We're considering buying a new house.                   |
| <b>defend</b>      | to give reasons why                    | They defend purchasing the new car because              |

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| <b>delay</b>       | you did<br>to postpone, put off       | they have two jobs.<br>We're going to delay meeting until next week.      |
| <b>detest</b>      | to hate, despise                      | Jack detests learning new vocabulary.                                     |
| <b>discontinue</b> | to stop doing,<br>providing           | The store discontinued providing customer service on demand.              |
| <b>discuss</b>     | to talk about                         | We like to discuss learning techniques.                                   |
| <b>dislike</b>     | to not like                           | Bob dislikes having to work so hard.                                      |
| <b>dispute</b>     | to say you didn't do                  | They dispute stealing the merchandise.                                    |
| <b>dread</b>       | to fear doing or<br>experiencing      | I dread taking tests.                                                     |
| <b>endure</b>      | to go through                         | We endured listening to him for three hours.                              |
| <b>enjoy</b>       | to have a good time<br>doing          | Sarah enjoys cooking fine dinners.                                        |
| <b>escape</b>      | to get away from                      | The students escaped taking the test because the fire alarm rang.         |
| <b>evade</b>       | to avoid                              | He evades doing yard work on Saturdays.                                   |
| <b>explain</b>     | to give details about                 | He'll explain purchasing online next week.                                |
| <b>fancy</b>       | to like very much                     | They fancy eating donuts.                                                 |
| <b>fear</b>        | to be afraid of                       | I fear flying in airplanes.                                               |
| <b>feign</b>       | to pretend to do                      | Mary feigns not knowing anything.                                         |
| <b>finish</b>      | to stop doing                         | We finished shopping and went home.                                       |
| <b>forgive</b>     | to not be angry at<br>someone anymore | They forgave stealing the candy as the children didn't know it was wrong. |
| <b>keep</b>        | to continue doing                     | We keep studying the same grammar every week.                             |
| <b>mention</b>     | to say in passing                     | They mentioned buying a new car last week.                                |
| <b>mind</b>        | to object to                          | I don't mind smoking.                                                     |
| <b>miss</b>        | to want something you<br>don't have   | I miss having more free time.                                             |
| <b>necessitate</b> | to require to do                      | The job necessitates lifting heavy objects.                               |
| <b>omit</b>        | to leave out, delete                  | We omitted discussing the new Smith account during the meeting.           |
| <b>permit</b>      | to allow                              | We'll permit fishing on Saturdays.                                        |
| <b>picture</b>     | to imagine                            | Doug pictures retiring to Brazil.                                         |

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| <b>postpone</b>   | to put off, delay                             | We postponed traveling to Chicago for a week.                 |
| <b>practice</b>   | to do over and over again                     | Practice playing scales for 30 minutes every day.             |
| <b>recall</b>     | to remember                                   | Yes, I recall buying that book.                               |
| <b>recollect</b>  | to remember                                   | Tom recollects playing baseball as a child.                   |
| <b>recommend</b>  | to tell someone they should do something      | They recommend purchasing insurance with this product.        |
| <b>report</b>     | to tell about                                 | Tim reported spending twelve hours on the job.                |
| <b>resent</b>     | to not like that something that someone does  | Susan resents having to work so hard.                         |
| <b>resist</b>     | to try to avoid doing                         | Many students resist studying more than two hours a day.      |
| <b>resume</b>     | to start doing again                          | We resumed speaking about the problem at the meeting.         |
| <b>risk</b>       | to take a chance on                           | Jack risks making everyone angry with his stupid statements.  |
| <b>shirk</b>      | to not do something you should do             | Dan shirked paying for the children's meal.                   |
| <b>shun</b>       | to avoid contact with                         | Don't shun spending time with those you don't know very well. |
| <b>suggest</b>    | to say someone should do something            | I suggest buying a new camera.                                |
| <b>support</b>    | to help someone with words, thoughts or money | They supported our going to the doctor for help.              |
| <b>understand</b> | to comprehend                                 | He understands investing in the stock market.                 |
| <b>urge</b>       | to suggest strongly                           | I urge spending some time learning the program.               |
| <b>warrant</b>    | to provide the reasons for doing              | The situation warrants investigating Mr. Todd.                |

Verbs Followed by the Infinitive

**Verb**

**Definition**

**Example Sentence**

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| <b>agree</b>     | to say you will do              | Tom agreed to help me with the work.                            |
| <b>appear</b>    | to seem to be                   | She appeared to wait for a moment.                              |
| <b>arrange</b>   | to put in some order            | I arranged to meet David next week.                             |
| <b>ask</b>       | to inquire                      | They asked to join us for dinner.                               |
| <b>attempt</b>   | to try                          | Doug attempted to say something.                                |
| <b>beg</b>       | to urgently ask for             | The man begged to receive some help.                            |
| <b>can/can't</b> | to permit                       | I can't afford to spend time doing this.                        |
| <b>afford</b>    |                                 |                                                                 |
| <b>can/can't</b> | to allow time for               | Susan can't wait to see Tom next week.                          |
| <b>wait</b>      |                                 |                                                                 |
| <b>care</b>      | to have feelings for            | She cares to comment about the situation.                       |
| <b>chance</b>    | to try                          | I chanced to give it a taste and it was good.                   |
| <b>choose</b>    | to make a choice                | Chris chose to not visit his friends last weekend.              |
| <b>claim</b>     | to say is true                  | Dick claims to see UFOs!                                        |
| <b>come</b>      | to arrive at                    | They came to purchase a new car.                                |
| <b>consent</b>   | to agree to                     | Martha consented to instruct the children.                      |
| <b>dare</b>      | to risk doing                   | We dared to take some time off work.                            |
| <b>decide</b>    | to make a decision              | He decided to go to university in San Francisco.                |
| <b>demand</b>    | to insist                       | I demand to receive help now!                                   |
| <b>deserve</b>   | to merit                        | Peter deserves to have his time off this week.                  |
| <b>determine</b> | to come to the conclusion       | We determined to finish the project by the end of next year.    |
| <b>elect</b>     | to choose                       | Alice elected to not come with us to the presentation.          |
| <b>endeavor</b>  | to try                          | The company endeavors to provide the best possible service.     |
| <b>expect</b>    | to feel something should happen | She expects to arrive in 30 minutes.                            |
| <b>fail</b>      | to not succeed                  | Unfortunately, they failed to get enough votes for the measure. |
| <b>get</b>       | to receive                      | We got to see our friends last week.                            |

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| <b>guarantee</b> | to say will happen                | They guarantee to finish the work before 5 o'clock.         |
| <b>hesitate</b>  | to not be sure about              | She hesitated to say yes, but in the end, did.              |
| <b>hope</b>      | to want to happen                 | I hope to see you soon.                                     |
| <b>hurry</b>     | to go to quickly                  | Mack is hurrying to finish the report by 3 this afternoon.  |
| <b>incline</b>   | to tend towards                   | He is inclined to not come to parties.                      |
| <b>learn</b>     | to study and memorize             | The children learned to do many things at camp this summer. |
| <b>manage</b>    | to do with difficulty             | Don managed to finish the job on time.                      |
| <b>mean</b>      | to intend                         | Dan means to speak with you this evening.                   |
| <b>need</b>      | to have to have/do                | We need to think about this some more.                      |
| <b>neglect</b>   | to not do something you should do | The man neglected to give me all the information.           |
| <b>offer</b>     | to say you will do, give, provide | We offered to help them with their homework.                |
| <b>pay</b>       | to spend money on                 | We paid to become informed about the matter.                |
| <b>plan</b>      | to think about the future         | I plan to visit Chicago someday.                            |
| <b>prepare</b>   | to get ready for                  | They are preparing to leave on vacation.                    |
| <b>pretend</b>   | to act as if                      | The boy pretended to be a ghost.                            |
| <b>profess</b>   | to believe                        | Lori professes to believe in UFOs.                          |
| <b>promise</b>   | to say you will do                | I promise to come over tonight for dinner.                  |
| <b>refuse</b>    | to say you will not do            | Jane refused to do what he asked.                           |
| <b>remain</b>    | to stay                           | I remained to finish the work until 8 o'clock.              |
| <b>request</b>   | to ask for                        | The man requested to speak to a lawyer.                     |
| <b>resolve</b>   | to decide to do                   | We resolved to clean up the house this summer.              |
| <b>say</b>       | to tell someone                   | He said to tell you hi!                                     |
| <b>seek</b>      | to look for                       | They are seeking to receive \$1,000,000 in damages.         |
| <b>seem</b>      | to appear                         | It seems to be very easy.                                   |

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| <b>shudder</b>    | to physically react to something you do not like | I shudder to think about all the problems in the world. |
| <b>strive</b>     | to try hard to do                                | Frank strove to meet all the demands of his boss.       |
| <b>struggle</b>   | to work hard to do                               | The students struggle to understand all the grammar.    |
| <b>swear</b>      | to promise to do                                 | I swear to be a good boy in the future.                 |
| <b>tend</b>       | to usually do                                    | Dianne tends to waste time on the telephone.            |
| <b>threaten</b>   | to say you will do a bad thing to someone        | The boss threatened to fire everyone.                   |
| <b>volunteer</b>  | to say you will help                             | They volunteered to help with the cooking.              |
| <b>wait</b>       | to let time pass                                 | We waited to see the doctor for three hours.            |
| <b>want</b>       | to desire                                        | I want to help you.                                     |
| <b>wish</b>       | to want to do                                    | She wishes to visit her parents in Ireland.             |
| <b>would like</b> | to want                                          | I'd like to have a steak, please.                       |
| <b>yearn</b>      | to desire very strongly                          | I yearn to finish work today!                           |