

The INFINITIVE is used:	The GERUND is used:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After adjectives and adverbs (including "anticipatory it"): The question was not easy to answer. It was very kind of you to help me. It is dangerous to smoke. It was forbidden to drink alcohol. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the subject of a sentence (it refers to an activity rather than an action): Smoking is bad for you. Drinking alcohol was forbidden.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To express purpose ("to" translates as "para"): I'm here to help you. You can use this map to find the house. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a preposition (except "to" when it means "para"): A ruler is used for drawing straight lines. He left without saying good-bye. He's thinking about selling his car. I am used to meeting a lot of new people in my job. Compare: I used to meet a lot of new people in my last job.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After (TOO) + adjective + FOR + pronoun: The box is too heavy for me to carry. I think this is interesting for you to see. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After verbs which are always followed by prepositions: I apologise for being late. I can't put up with people being rude. He insisted on my coming along to the party.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After some verbs and a wh-word (except WHY): I didn't know what to say. I wondered where to go that evening. Why worry? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In short prohibitions: This is a non-smoking compartment. No smoking.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the first / the last / the only: He was the first to come and the last to go. 	

V + V_{to inf}

The new student	agreed attempted can't afford decided failed hoped managed offered planned prepared proposed refused wished	to come	to the theatre.
Children	learned	to swim	in ten lessons.
The politician	appeared claimed pretended seemed	to have	good ideas.

V + O + V_{to inf}

The teacher	asked convinced encouraged forced ordered persuaded reminded told urged warned	us	to study	every day.
My father	allowed enabled forbade permitted taught	me	to ride	a bicycle.
Her boyfriend	invited	her	to dance	with him.

V + (O) + V_{to inf}

My mother	wants expects would like would love would hate prefers promised	(me)	to become	a doctor.
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V + V _{ing}			
The thief	admitted considered couldn't help denied finished risked	taking	the jewels.
Do you	fancy feel like	having	a drink?
She	avoids dislikes doesn't mind enjoys likes ⁽¹⁾ loves ⁽¹⁾ hates ⁽¹⁾ dreads can't face	lying	in the sun.
I	gave up can't stand suggested ⁽²⁾ practised keep (on)	playing	golf.
This job	involves	working	late hours.
I	miss	talking	with my granny.
The diplomat	imagined resented	being	expelled.

V + O + V _{inf}				
My father	made let helped	me	clean drive (to) fix	the car.

V + O + V _{inf} / V + O + V _{ing}			
I	saw heard felt watched	the rain	fall all evening. (completed action) falling. (action in progress)

⁽¹⁾ After certain verbs (like, love, hate) the infinitive with TO is also common.

⁽²⁾ Alternative structure:

I suggest they play golf.

I suggested they played golf.

V + (O) + V_{to inf} / V + (O) + V_{ing}

Her sister	prefers (me) prefers	to read. reading	to watching TV.
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V + O + V_{inf} / V + V_{ing}

They	advised recommended	us to buy buying	tickets in advance.
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V + V_{inf} / V + V_{inf} / V + V_{ing}

You (don't) I Your hair	need needn't needs	to practise say cutting.	your pronunciation. this is vital.
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Modal aux + V_{inf}

I	can	drive	you home.
It	could	rain	tomorrow.
You	must	study	harder.
You	should	see	a doctor.
You	may	go	by bus.
They	might	win	the race.
Who	will	help	us?
You	shall	obey	your parents.
You	had better	hurry	to the station.
I	would rather	stay	here.
They	would sooner	die	than surrender.

Modal aux + V_{to inf}

You	have to ought to	go	to the optician.
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V + V_{to inf} / V_{ing} (with the same meaning)

It	started began continued	to rain. / raining.
She	intended	to get / getting a driving licence as soon as possible.

V + V_{to inf} / V_{-ing} (with different meaning)
forget / remember / try / like / regret / stop / go on / mean

I forgot to feed the cat. (= I didn't do it)	I forgot feeding the cat, so I fed it again. (= I forgot I had done it.)
I didn't remember talking to that man about the project at the party, so I told him again. (= I forgot I had already done it.)	I didn't remember to talk to that man about the project yesterday, so I will see him today. (= I forgot I had to do it.)
The gardener tried to kill the rabbit. (= He attempted to do it, he probably couldn't.) (= intentó + V)	The gardener tried leaving poison around. (= He tried something to see if it would work.) (= probó a + V)
I like playing volleyball. (= I enjoy it.)	I like to visit the dentist regularly. (= I think it is advisable.)
I regret to say you have been rejected. (= I'm sorry I have to say this.)	I regret saying that. (= I'm sorry I said that.)
The workmen stopped digging the hole. (= They didn't continue digging).	The workmen stopped to have lunch. (= They stopped digging and started having lunch.)
The workmen went on digging the hole. (= They continued doing it.)	The workmen went on to fill the hole with concrete. (= This is what they did next.)
I didn't mean to hurt you. (“do intentionally”)	Working as a teacher means having to take work home. (“involves, includes”)