

Verb Plus Gerund and Infinitive Sentence Completion Games

Play the game or games below that your teacher tells you to.

Game A: Gerund and infinitive sentence completion guessing game

Fill at least half the sentences below with true information for you. Read out just the part that you have written in one gap (not the printed words around it) and see if your partner can guess which sentence you wrote that in (from the grammar of the words you say, the logic of the sentence, and what they know and can guess about you).

Useful phrases for playing the game

“No, that isn’t possible (grammatically) because...”

“No, that doesn’t make (much) sense because...”

“No, that isn’t true for me because....”

“That is also true, but it isn’t the sentence I’ve written”

“Yes, that is exactly what I’ve written”

Game B: Gerund and infinitive sentence completion bluff

Fill the sentences below with a mixture of true and false information, being very careful to put the right grammar in each gap. Read out one sentence, answer any questions that your partner has (continuing to lie if you were lying), then see if your partner can guess whether you were telling the truth or not.

Game C: Gerund and infinitive sentence completion things in common

Try to find sentences below that you can both/ all complete in the same way.

Gerund and infinitive grammar presentation

Before, during or after the activities above, go through what grammatical form is needed in each of the gaps below.

Try to find verbs which have similar or opposite meanings and the same grammatical form after them.

Play another game above but this time just saying what you would put in each gap (without writing first).



Verb pattern sentences to complete

- I aim _____ by the end of this year.
- I always dread _____.
- I appear _____ (but it isn't true).
- I can't afford _____ but I want to.
- I can't remember ever _____.
- I can't stand _____.
- I don't mind _____ (even though many people hate it).
- I don't recommend _____ in this town.
- I enjoy _____ (but it is bad for me).
- I failed _____ last year.
- I fancy _____ tonight.
- I hope _____ someday (but I might never do it).
- I miss _____.
- I object _____ (but most other people don't seem to care).
- I often forget _____.
- I often waste time _____.
- I plan _____ to improve my future career.
- I rarely finish _____ with a break.
- I really should stop _____ (but I probably won't).
- I regret _____.
- I tend _____ in the morning.
- I tried _____, but it didn't work.
- I tried _____, but I couldn't.
- I try to avoid _____ (but sometimes I have no choice).
- I want _____ by end of this year.
- I would love _____ (if I had enough money).
- I'd love _____, (but I'm not sure that I ever will).
- I'd refuse _____, (however much they paid me).
- I'd volunteer _____ in an emergency.
- I'll never forget _____.
- I'll probably keep (on) _____ (even though I should stop).
- I've decided _____ (but I haven't done it yet).
- I've totally stopped _____.
- Last month I forgot _____.
- Many people object _____, but I don't.
- My family don't celebrate _____.