

Basics. Verbs with Gerunds and Infinitives: Meaning Changes

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

Gerund

Infinitive

Past tense

Verb

Simple tense

1. Help Detective Barnaby complete his case notes about the missing donuts by choosing the correct verb forms.

The bakery owner stated, "I clearly remember _____ the door last night."

However, security footage shows him leaving the shop, and then he stopped _____ a newspaper across the street, leaving the door wide open!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) locking
- B) to lock
- C) lock

Blank 2

- A) to buy
- B) buying
- C) buy

2. Choose the best advice for an office worker battling a possessed printer.

If the printer keeps giving you that weird error message, try ____ it from the wall and plugging it back in.

Select one.

- A) to unplug
- B) unplugging
- C) unplug
- D) unplugged

3. Read the absent-minded professor's diary. Select ALL the sentences that correctly describe his memory!

Select all that apply.

- A) I clearly remember locking the laboratory door this morning.
- B) I must remember to lock the laboratory door when I leave tonight.
- C) I will never forget to meet my brilliant wife for the first time.
- D) I forgot bringing my umbrella today, so I need to go back home and get it.

4. Help the actor finish their rather painful trip down memory lane.

I clearly remember ____ over my own feet while playing a tree in the middle school play.

Select one.

- A) tripping
- B) to trip
- C) trip
- D) tripped

5. Help the detective review the witness statements! Select ALL the sentences that use the verb "stop" correctly based on logic and grammar.

Select all that apply.

- A) The thief stopped to catch his breath while running away.
- B) The thief stopped running when the police surrounded him.
- C) The thief stopped to run when the police surrounded him.
- D) The thief stopped catching his breath while running away.

6. Complete the marathon runner's blog post by dragging the correct verb forms into the blanks.

Around mile 15, I was so exhausted that I had to stop _____ some water. After finishing the race, I promised myself I would stop _____ junk food to maintain my fitness.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) drinking
- B) to drink
- C) drink

Blank 2

- A) to eat
- B) eating
- C) eat

7. Help the melodramatic actor finish his theatrical farewell letter to his director.

"I regret _____ you that I am quitting the play immediately.

Furthermore, I deeply regret _____ the role of the Giant Chicken in the first place!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) to inform
- B) informing
- C) inform

Blank 2

- A) accepting
- B) to accept
- C) accept

8. Complete the astronaut's diary entry about their first spacewalk by dragging the correct verbs into the blanks.

I will never forget _____ down at the Earth from orbit; it was breathtaking. Unfortunately, I was so distracted that I forgot _____ on my microphone, so mission control couldn't hear me!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) to look
- B) looking
- C) look

Blank 2

- A) turning
- B) to turn
- C) turn

9. Complete the tech support chat log by choosing the best verb forms for this chaotic customer interaction.

Customer: "I forgot _____ my laptop last night, and now it won't turn on."

Agent: "Since the battery might be completely drained, try _____ it into a different wall outlet to see if that helps."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) to charge
- B) charging
- C) charge

Blank 2

- A) plugging
- B) to plug
- C) plug

10. Complete the hungry traveler's text message.

We had been driving for four hours straight, so we finally stopped ____ some highly questionable gas station sushi.

Select one.

- A) buying
- B) to buy
- C) buy
- D) bought