**Infinitive or -ing**

**Verb + -ing :**

admit, avoid, can´t help /laughing/,carry on, consider, delay, deny, dislike, can´t stand .enjoy, fancy, finish, give up, go on, imagine, involve, keep on, mind, miss, postpone, practise, put off, risk, suggest

Examples:

He tried to avoid **answering** my question.

I don´t fancy **going** out this evening.

Have you ever considered **going** to live in another country?

When I´m on holiday, I enjoy **not having** to get up early.(negative form!)

She wants to go on/carry on **working**.

Keep(on) **smiling**! 😊

NOTE: when talking about finished actions, you **can** say having done…

Examples: They admitted having stolen the money. They admitted stealing the money.

NOTE: with some verbs you can use the structure verb+somebody+-ing

Examples: I can´t **imagine** **George** **riding** a motorbike.

Sorry to **keep you waiting** so long.

NOTE: after some verbs (especially admit, deny, suggest), you **can** also use **that**

Examples: they denied **that** they **had stolen** the money/ **stealing** the money.

**verb + to**:

afford, agree, aim, appear, arrange, ask, attempt, beg, claim, dare, decide, decide, deserve, enable, expect, fail, force, forget, help, hope, invite, learn, let, make, manage, offer, order, persuade, plan, pretend, promise, refuse, remind, seem, teach, tell, tend, threaten, want, warn

Examples: We decided **to take** a taxi home.

I decided **to help** him.

We promised **not to be** late (negative)

They seem **to have** plenty of money.

NOTE: we can also use a **continuous** **infinitive (to be doing),** and a **perfect infinitive (to have done)**

Examples: Martin seems **to be enjoying** his new job.

You seem **to have lost** weight.

NOTE: after “dare” and “help” you can use infinitive with or without “to”

Examples: I wouldn´t dare (**to) tell** him.

Can you help me **(to) carry** this bag?

! negative daren´t + infinitive **without** “to”

I daren´t **tell** him what happened.

! can´t help ALWAYS with -ing! I **couldn´t help laughing.**

NOTE: after some verbs you can use a question word + to

We asked **how to get** to the station.

I don´t know **whether to apply** for the job or not.

NOTE: after have, let make you use an object + infinitive without “to”

Examples: His exam results **made** **him** **work** harder.

I **had her clean up** her bedroom before I **let her go** out.

! the **passive** of **make** + **to**: he **was made to work** harder.

NOTE: you cannot use **suggest** with the structure verb + object + to

Example: Jane **suggested** that I **should ask your** advice.

**both -ing + infinitive**:

begin, start, intend, continue, bother, love, like, hate, can´t bear /**no difference in meaning**/

Examples: I **like swimming**. I like **to swim**.

**difference in meaning**:

stop + ing = give up the activity /he stopped smoking/

stop + inf. = intent /he stopped to smoke = with the aim to smoke/

advise, recommend, encourage, allow, permit, forbid:

**verb + -ing /without an object/**                                 **verb + object + to:**

Examples: I **recommend waiting**                                       I recommend **you** to wait

They don ´t **allow parking** here. They don´t **allow people to park** here.

remember + -ing = I **did** it and now **I remember** /I remember **posting** the letter/

remember – to…= **not to forget** or to realise /please **remember to post** the letter/

regret + -ing = I am sorry about **what I did** /I regret saying it/

regret + to…= I´m **sorry that I have to**…/We regret to inform you…/

go on + -ing = **continue** /He went on talking/

go on + to.. = do or say something new /After discussing it he went on to talk about economy/

try + -ing = **testing** /try pressing the button

try + to.. = **attempt, effort** /I tried to move the table/

need + -ing = something **needs to be done** /the floor needs cleaning/

need + to.. = it is **necessary** /I need to take more exercise/

NOTE: would is followed by infinitive: I would like to go.

               I would like to have done something= I regret I couldn´t do it