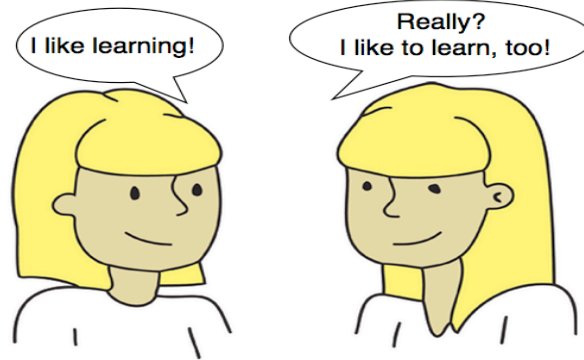


## Use Correct Verb Forms!



### ➤ Following are 6 main verb forms with examples:

- **Infinitive** *to walk, to study, to speak*

- **Base form** (the infinitive without "to")

*walk, study, speak*

- **Gerund or a present participle** (The base form+ *-ing*)

*walking, studying, speaking*

- **Past participle** (typically ending in *-ed*, used in forming perfect and passive tenses and sometimes as an adjective)

*walked, studied, spoken*

- **Simple past form** (regular verbs typically ending in *-d*, *-ed*, or *-t*, irregular verbs have a variety of endings; indicate action that occurred in the past which does not extend into the present)

*walked, studied, spoke, drank, hurt*

- **Verb Phrase** (a main verb with any auxiliary verbs)

*has been speaking, has spoken, am speaking, will have spoken*



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### Verbs Followed by a Gerund

admit	dislike	postpone	resent
avoid	enjoy	quit	resume
consider	finish	recall	risk
deny	imagine	recommend	suggest
discuss	miss	regret	

Examples:

I miss seeing you.

Barbara cannot risk going, because she was too afraid of getting hurt.

### Verbs Followed by an Infinitive

agree	deserve	need	seem
Appear	endeavor	offer	tend
attempt	fail	plan	volunteer
consent	hesitate	prepare	wish
decide	hope	promise	
demand	intend	refuse	

Examples:

He hesitated to call me because he was not sure about it.

She promised to write soon after her work was done.

We will attempt to finish the task by tomorrow.



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**Note:** The following verbs **can** take a noun or pronoun before the infinitive.

ask	expect	need	promise
beg	intend	prepare	want
choose			

Examples:

I asked him to go to the summer camp with me.

I need the children to help with the cleaning due to the emergency.

**Note:** Except in the passive voice, the following verbs **must** have a noun or pronoun before the infinitive.

advise	command	instruct	select
allow	convince	invite	teach
appoint	encourage	order	tell
authorize	forbid	permit	tempt
cause	force	remind	trust
challenge	hire	require	

Examples:

He challenged me to participate in the contest.

I will remind you to get up early.

She was advised to leave by the security guard. (Passive voice)



## Use Correct Verb Forms!

### Verbs Followed by a Gerund or an Infinitive

begin	like	remember	stop
continue	love	start	try
hate	prefer		

Examples:

I like to hike because it is a good way to feel the nature.

I like hiking because it is a good way to feel the nature.

### Verbs Followed by a Base Form

**Note:** Since these four verbs are very commonly used, memorize them along with the form of the verbal that must follow them. *Help* can also be followed by an infinitive.

have	help	let	make
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Examples:

I will let you know once I have figured everything out.

Could you help me carry these heavy boxes?

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The following works were used during the creation of this handout: *Writing Clearly: Grammar for Editing* by Janet Lane and Ellen Lange



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