



# AVOID vs PREVENT

## AVOID something/ doing something

### Evitar

- This book is intended to help users **avoid** common errors.
- He is respected among his peers, because he never **avoids** new challenges for fear of failure.
- Hoping to **avoid** traffic jams, we set off very early.



## Prevent something / Prevent someone from doing something

### Formal Prevenir / impedir

- The rules are intended to **prevent** accidents.
- My sprained ankle **prevented me from** going to work for two weeks.
- To **prevent** confusion, we always label our suitcases.



### Typical mistake:

The most valuable thing that we can do for start-ups is to help them understand the environment and **avoid them from** making mistakes.

**WRONG**

The most valuable thing that we can do for start-ups is to help them understand the environment and **prevent them from** making mistakes. **CORRECT**