

Verbs followed by a gerund or infinitive with change in meaning

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FORGET TO DO	FORGET DOING
<p>to not remember to do something</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't forget to lock the door. • Dad's always forgetting (to take) his pills. 	<p>We use the verb forget followed by an -ing verb to mean that you did do something, but you have no memory of it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I had forgotten going to Paris until I saw the photos.
GO ON TO DO	GO ON DOING
<p>to do something after completing something else</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She went on to become a successful surgeon. • After her early teaching career she went on to become a doctor. 	<p>to continue doing something or being in a situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He went on working until he was 91. • Go on reading the article.
MEAN TO DO	MEAN DOING
<p>to intend to do something</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I meant to phone your mother, but my mobile didn't work. • Whoops! I didn't mean to step on your toe. 	<p>to involve something, to make something necessary, or to make it happen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This new order will mean working overtime. • You have forgotten your homework again. That means phoning your mother.
QUIT TO DO	QUIT DOING
<p>to leave a job or school permanently to do something else.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After only six months in the job, she quit to start her own business. 	<p>to stop doing something</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell him to quit laughing at me. • She quit working here.
REGRET TO DO	REGRET DOING
<p>(formal) used to make announcements of bad news.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We regret to inform you that your application has been rejected. • British Airways regret to announce the cancellation of flight BA205 to Madrid. 	<p>used to talk about mistakes we've made and feel bad about.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I regret spending so much money last night. • I have always regretted not having studied harder at school.
REMEMBER TO DO	REMEMBER DOING
<p>Remember + to-infinitive means that we don't forget to do something:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember to save your work often, just in case your computer crashes. • Did you remember to buy tea? 	<p>Remember + the -ing form of a verb means 'have a memory of something we did or of something that happened in the past':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I remember meeting her once. It must have been about five years ago. • I don't remember ever visiting this museum.
STOP TO DO	STOP DOING
<p>to stop doing something in order to do something else.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We stopped to have something to eat. • We stopped to drink a cup of coffee. 	<p>We use stop + -ing form to indicate that an action or event is no longer continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've stopped using plastic bags in supermarkets. • I stopped smoking years ago.
TRY TO DO	TRY DOING
<p>to attempt to do something</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I tried to open the window. • You haven't even tried to find it. 	<p>to do sth you haven't done before to see if you get the result you want.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try logging off and logging on again. • She tried talking about it to Steve, but he wouldn't listen.