

# Ways to Say an Action Is Not Worth Doing



## There is no point in doing ... :

Doing it will not bring any benefit or result.

- There is no point in arguing with him. He won't listen.
- There's no point in waiting any longer. They may have already left.

## It's no use doing ... :

Doing something will not help or change the situation.

- It's no use trying to explain it to her.
- It's no use crying over spilled milk – the vase is broken, and we can't fix it.

## There is no use (in) doing ... : Same as "it's no use"; slightly more formal or less common.

- There is no use in complaining now. The decision has already been made.
- There's no use trying to fix it yourself.

## It's not worth doing ... : The effort, time, or cost is greater than the benefit.

- It's not worth worrying about small things.
- The movie was so bad it wasn't worth watching.

## It's no good doing ... :

Doing it will not have a positive effect; often slightly negative in tone.

- It's no good talking to him when he's angry.
- It's no good pretending everything is fine.

## It's pointless to do / doing ... :

Doing something is completely useless or ineffective.

- It's pointless to argue with them.
- Trying again would be pointless.

## It's useless to do / doing ... : Stronger than "pointless"; nothing will work.

- It's useless asking for help now. There's nothing anyone can do.
- Fixing the phone is useless. It would be better to buy a new one.

## There's nothing to be gained by doing ... :

No benefit or advantage will result.

- There's nothing to be gained by lying.
- There's nothing to be gained by rushing.

## It won't do any good to do ... :

The action will not improve the situation.

- It won't do any good to complain.
- Yelling won't do any good.

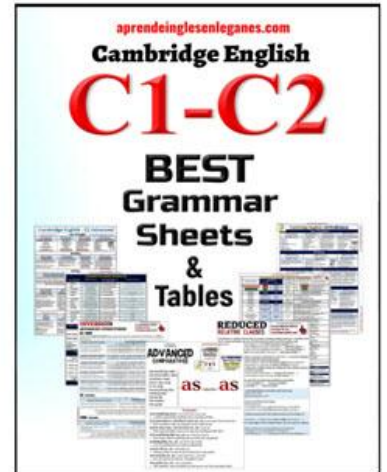
## Comparison Table

Expression	Strength	Tone	Common in Speech	Typical Use
There is no point in doing	Medium	Neutral	Very common	Logical futility
It's no use doing	Medium	Neutral	Very common	Effort won't help
There is no use (in) doing	Medium	Slightly formal	Less common	Same as above
It's no good doing	Medium-strong	Slightly negative	Common	Criticism
It's not worth doing	Medium	Neutral	Very common	Cost vs benefit
It's pointless to do / doing	Strong	Direct	Moderate	Total lack of value
It's useless to do / doing	Very strong	Harsh	Less common	Absolute failure
It won't do any good to do	Medium	Neutral	Common	No positive result
There's nothing to be gained by doing	Medium	Formal	Less common	Academic writing

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