

## Complete Elementary Grammar

Verbs + infinitive

- The following verbs are normally followed by another verb in infinitive :

afford	decide	pretend
agree	expect	promise
aim	fail	refuse
appear	forget	say
arrange	hope	seem
ask	learn	try
attempt	manage	tend
care	offer	want
choose	plan	
dare	prefer	

It was late so we **decided to take** a taxi  
 I like her but she **tends to talk** too much  
 They **agreed to give** me some money

In negative we need to use “not” :

We **decided not to go** to the party  
 I **pretended not to see** him  
 He **seemed not to care** about the exam

Verbs + ing

- The following verbs are generally followed by another verb in -ing :

admit	involve
avoid	mind
consider	miss
delay	practise
deny	regret
enjoy	risk
fancy	recommend
finish	suggest
imagine	

He **admitted stealing** the money  
 I'll do the shopping when I've **finished doing** the housework  
 I don't **fancy going** out tonight  
 Have you **considered going** to live in another country?

I really **enjoy** playing tennis  
I **suggest** going to Italy on holiday. You'll love it

### Verbs followed by both -ING and INFINITIVE

- There are some verbs that can be followed by both -ing and the infinitive :

Different meanings :

**stop** : I **stopped talking** to her – We don't talk anymore  
I **stopped to talk** to her – I stop one action and start talking

**like** : I **like playing** tennis – I enjoy it  
I **like to get up** before my kids – It's better for me if I do it

**remember** : Did you **remember to close** the window? - to do it  
I **remember visiting** Italy in 1990 – Past memory

Same meanings :

**continue** : He will **continue to study**  
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**start** : He **started smoking** at the age of 15  
He **started to smoke** at the age of 15