# Gerund and infinitive – different meaning

## Verbs change their meaning when they are followed by a *Gerund* or an *Infinitive*

Some verbs have different meanings when they are follwed by a *gerund* or an *infinitive*.

### forget

| GERUND | INFINITIVE |
|---|---|
| looks back in the past | looks into the future |
| He'll never **forget spending** so much money on his first computer. | Don't **forget to spend** money on the tickets. |

### regret

| GERUND | INFINITIVE |
|---|---|
| you did sth in the past and you are not happy about it | to tell bad news and you are not happy about it |
| I **regret being** late for school. | We **regret to inform** you that the flight has beeen delayed for another two hours. |

### remember

| GERUND | INFINITIVE |
|---|---|
| looks back in the past | looks into the future |
| I **remember switching** off the lights when I went on holiday. | **Remember to switch** off the lights when you go on holiday. |

### stop

| GERUND | INFINITIVE |
|---|---|
| to stop with an activity | to stop in order to do sth. |
| I **stopped smoking**. | I **stopped to smoke**. |

### try

| GERUND | INFINITIVE |
|---|---|
| to test sth. | to do sth. that is not easy |
| I **tried taking** an aspirin but it didn't help. | **Try to be** quiet when you come home late. |