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| Begin, start, continue, cease (Infinitive more usual when followed by verbs of knowing and understanding, and the verb matter) | I began **studying** / I began to study.  
She started to complain / She started complaining.  
It ceased to matter whether or not it was true. |
| Intend (infinitive more usual) | I intend keeping it / I intend to keep it. |
| Advise, allow, permit, recommend  
If person concerned is mentioned: infinitive; If not : gerund. | He advised me to look for a job.  
He advised looking for a job. |
| Something + needs, requires, wants  
+ gerund or  
+ passive infinitive. | The house needs **painting**.  
The house needs to be painted. |
| **With change** | |
| Regret, remember, (“forget” + gerund only possible in the negative, often with will)  
+ gerundio = acción del verbo subordinado es anterior a la del principal.  
+ infinitivo = verbo principal expresa la acción más alejada en el tiempo. (Regret en presente) | I will never forget waiting for the bride.  
I regret telling you that horrible thing.  
I remember telling you the story.  
[I remember him telling you that horrible things.]  
I regret to tell you that horrible things.  
I’ll remember to tell you. |
| Mean, propose  
Propose + infinitive= ‘intend’  
Propose + ing= ‘suggest’ | Mean + infinitiv.= ‘intend’: I meant to give it back.  
Mean + ing= ‘involve’: Not studying means failing.  
I propose to do it tomorrow. “Me propongo...”  
I propose doing it tomorrow. “Propongo...” |
| Go on, stop, try, used (to)  
Go on + infinitive = “continue”  
Go on + gerund = “continue but with change”  
Stop + infinitive = “halt”  
Stop + gerund = “cease”  
Try + infinitive = “attempt”  
try + gerund = “make the experiment”  
Used to + infinitive = habit, routine  
Subject + be/become/get + used to + gerund | He went on **complaining**.  
After complaining about the weather, he went on to complain about the staff.  
They stopped to ask the way.  
They stopped asking for help and tried their luck.  
They tried to study, (but there was too much noise).  
They tried studying but failed the exam anyway.  
I used to study English a lot.  
I am used to living in Benidorm. |
| Be afraid (of), be sorry (for), be ashamed (of) con gerundio cuando lleva la preposición. | I am afraid of being killed.  
I am afraid to jump.  
I am sorry for being late.  
I was sorry to hear your complaints.  
You should be ashamed of lying to your teacher. / I am ashamed to tell you that. |