Gerund or infinitive

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Name: _____ Datum: _____

1 Gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to _____)? Fill in.

Gerund after: enjoy, mind, suggest, keep, avoid, finish, practise, can't stand, look forward to. Infinitive after: decide, want, agree, afford, hope, promise, refuse, learn, manage.

a) I enjoy *swimming* (swim).

b) She decided *to leave* (leave).

c) We can't afford *to buy* (buy) a car.

d) He suggested *going* (go) to the cinema.

e) They agreed *to help* (help).

f) I don't mind *waiting* (wait).

g) Do you want *to come* (come)?

h) Keep *trying* (try)!

2 After prepositions and certain expressions: Fill in the gerund.

After a preposition (in, at, for, to, of, about) always -ing.

a) I'm interested in *learning* (learn) Italian.

b) She is good at *drawing* (draw).

c) Thanks for *helping* (help) me.

d) We are looking forward to *seeing* (see) you.

3 Both are possible, but the meaning changes. Explain the difference in German.

stop + -ing = aufhören mit; stop + to = anhalten, um zu. remember + to = daran denken (Zukunft); remember + -ing = sich erinnern (Vergangenheit).

a) I stopped smoking. — I stopped to smoke.
Ich habe mit dem Rauchen aufgehört. — Ich hielt an, um zu rauchen.

b) Remember to lock the door. — I remember locking the door.
Denk daran, die Tür abzuschließen (noch zu tun). — Ich erinnere mich, dass ich abgeschlossen habe (schon getan).

c) She tried to open the window. — She tried opening the window.
Sie versuchte, das Fenster zu öffnen (Anstrengung, ging vielleicht nicht). — Sie probierte es damit, das Fenster zu öffnen (als Lösung, z. B. gegen Hitze).

4 Write about yourself. One sentence each.

Check the verb: gerund or infinitive?

a) something you enjoy doing *e.g. I enjoy playing basketball.*

b) something you can't stand *I can't stand waiting.*

c) something you have decided to do this year *I have decided to read more.*

d) something you are looking forward to *I am looking forward to going on holiday.*