

Class 8 English – Gerunds and Infinitives

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Gerunds and Infinitives – Short Explanation

1. Gerunds (-ing form)

A **gerund** is a verb ending in **-ing** that acts like a noun.

Examples:

- Swimming is good exercise.
- I enjoy reading books.
- Playing football is fun.

Common verbs followed by a gerund:

enjoy, like, love, dislike, hate, avoid, finish, keep, mind, suggest

Examples:

- She enjoys **dancing**.
- We finished **cleaning** the room.

2. Infinitives (to + verb)

An **infinitive** is the base form of a verb with **to**.

Examples:

- I want to learn German.
- She hopes to travel next year.
- They decided to stay at home.

Common verbs followed by an infinitive:

want, hope, decide, plan, promise, learn, need, agree

Examples:

- He wants **to become** a doctor.
- We decided **to leave** early.

Exercise 1 – Gerund or Infinitive? (10 points)

Write **G** for Gerund and **I** for Infinitive.

1. I enjoy reading novels. _____
2. She wants to visit London. _____
3. We finished cleaning the classroom. _____

4. They hope to win the match. _____
5. My brother likes playing chess. _____
6. I need to buy a new notebook. _____
7. He suggested watching a movie. _____
8. We decided to stay home. _____
9. Sarah loves painting. _____
10. They agreed to help us. _____

Exercise 2 – Complete the Sentences (15 points)

Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. I enjoy _____ (play) basketball.
2. She hopes _____ (pass) the exam.
3. We finished _____ (do) our homework.
4. They decided _____ (travel) by train.
5. He dislikes _____ (wash) dishes.
6. I want _____ (learn) French.
7. She suggested _____ (go) to the park.
8. We need _____ (study) harder.
9. Tom loves _____ (swim).
10. They agreed _____ (meet) after school.

Exercise 3 – Choose the Correct Answer (10 points)

1. I enjoy _____ books.
 - a. a) read
 - b. b) reading
 - c. c) to read
2. She wants _____ a doctor.
 - a. a) becoming
 - b. b) become
 - c. c) to become
3. We finished _____ dinner.
 - a. a) cooking
 - b. b) to cook
 - c. c) cook
4. They hope _____ soon.
 - a. a) arriving
 - b. b) to arrive
 - c. c) arrive
5. He dislikes _____ early.
 - a. a) getting up
 - b. b) to getting up

- c. c) get up
6. I decided _____ a new hobby.
- a) finding
 - b) find
 - c) to find
7. She suggested _____ a break.
- a) taking
 - b) take
 - c) to take
8. We agreed _____ together.
- a) work
 - b) working
 - c) to work
9. They enjoy _____ music.
- a) listening to
 - b) to listen to
 - c) listen to
10. I need _____ my room.
- a) cleaning
 - b) to clean
 - c) clean

Exercise 4 – Correct the Mistakes (10 points)

Rewrite the sentences correctly.

11. I enjoy to play football.
12. She decided going home.
13. We finished to clean the classroom.
14. They want visiting Germany.
15. He suggested to watch a movie.

Exercise 6 – Writing (15 points)

Write **6–8 sentences** about your hobbies and future plans.

Use at least:

- **3 gerunds**
- **3 infinitives**

Example starters:

- I enjoy ...
- I like ...
- I want to ...
- I hope to ...
- I plan to ...