

**10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**OET Writing – Verb Forms Continued**

**Starter:**

Complete the sentences below with a verb in the correct form:

1. I would like to discuss/to examine/to see your mole if that's ok
2. Mr Fring enjoys doing daily exercise at the gym
3. Mrs Wexler agreed to undergo/to have the operation next week
4. Exercising/Seeing a doctor/Doing exercise/Walking/Resting would be beneficial for your condition
5. Mr Salamanca was advised not to do/to undertake any heavy lifting
6. Some patients with these symptoms would rather change their diet than use/take medication
7. It is crucial to take/to follow the physiotherapist's advice
8. Ms White was reluctant to carry on taking her medication
9. Mr Ehrmantraut was unsure how to work/to handle/to use/to run his blood pressure monitor
10. One habit that many patients find detrimental to their health is smoking/eating unhealthy food/drinking alcohol

**When in OET might we use these sentences?**

**Are there verbs which take both infinitive and gerund?**

**What's the difference?**

I began **learning** English a year ago.

I began **to learn** English on the 8th of February.

I prefer **staying** in hotels when I'm on holiday.

I prefer **to stay** in *L' Hotel* when I'm on holiday in Paris.

She can't stand **to visit** her grandmother.

She can't stand **visiting** relatives.

Other verbs which follow the same patterns are:

*begin / bother / can't bear / can't stand / continue / hate / like / love / prefer / start*

**Are there verbs which can take both the infinitive and the gerund but the meaning is different?**

**What is the difference?**

I remembered **to buy** milk, so now we can have breakfast.

= I remembered and then did the second action (to buy)

I remember **buying** milk, but there's none in the fridge.

= I have a memory of something (buying the milk)

I forgot **to buy** milk, so we can't have breakfast.

= I did not remember to do the second action (to buy)

I'll never forget **visiting** India for the first time.

= I will never forget this memory (visiting India)

I regret **to tell** you that you were not successful.

= I feel bad that I have to tell you something

I regret **telling** him about it, it was a terrible idea.

= I told him something and now I feel bad

Try **to do** the homework tonight.

= make an effort (try hard)

Try **eating** more fruit, it may help.

= suggestion / advice

I need **to clean** my room.

= active meaning (focus on the person – "I")

My room needs **cleaning**

= passive meaning (focus on the thing – "My room")

Similar meaning to: "My room needs to be cleaned"

I stopped **eating** chocolate a year ago.

= I don't eat chocolate anymore (I quit)

I stopped **to buy** a newspaper on the way to work.

= I stopped one action (go to work) to do another action (buy a newspaper) and then continued the first action (go to work)

**Practice:**

Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence:

1. I'll never forget to see / seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time.
2. I need to call / calling the helpline. My computer has crashed.
3. Have you tried to take / taking a tablet to help you sleep?
4. I must have my keys somewhere. I can remember to lock / locking the door this morning.
5. I had to run home because I had forgotten to turn / turning the oven off.
6. Our house needs to paint / painting. Do you know any good house painters?
7. Did you remember to send / sending your sister a card? It's her birthday today.
8. We tried to learn / learning to ski last winter, but we weren't very good at it.