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The Verb

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Recognize a *verb* when you see one.

Verbs are a necessary component of all sentences. Verbs have two important functions: Some verbs put static objects into motion while other verbs help to clarify the objects in meaningful ways. Look at the examples below:

My grumpy old English teacher *smiled* at the plate of cold meatloaf.

My grumpy old English teacher = static object; *smiled* = verb.

The daredevil cockroach *splashed* into Sara's soup.

The daredevil cockroach = static object; *splashed* = verb.

Theo's overworked computer *exploded* in a spray of sparks.

Theo's overworked computer = static object; *exploded* = verb.

The curious toddler *popped* a grasshopper into her mouth.

The curious toddler = static object; *popped* = verb.

Francisco's comic book collection *is* worth \$20,000.00.

Francisco's comic book collection = static object; *is* = verb.

The important thing to remember is that every subject in a sentence must have a verb. Otherwise, you will have written a fragment, a major writing error.

Remember to consider word function when you are looking for a verb.

Many words in English have more than one function. Sometimes a word is a subject, sometimes a verb, sometimes a modifier. As a result, you must often analyze the job a word is doing in the sentence. Look at these two examples:

Potato chips *crunch* too loudly to eat during an exam.

The **crunch** of the potato chips drew the angry glance of Professor Orsini to our corner of the room.

Crunch is something that we can *do*. We can **crunch** cockroaches under our shoes. We can **crunch** popcorn during a movie. We can **crunch** numbers for a math class. In the first sentence, then, **crunch** is what the potato chips *do*, so we can call it a verb.

Even though **crunch** is often a verb, it can also be a noun. The **crunch** of the potato chips, for example, is a thing, a sound that we can hear. You therefore need to analyze the function that a word provides in a sentence before you determine what grammatical name to give that word.

Know an **action** verb when you see one.

Dance! Sing! Paint! Giggle! Chew! What are these words doing? They are expressing action, something that a person, animal, force of nature, or thing can *do*. As a result, words like these are called **action verbs**. Look at the examples below:

Clyde **sneezes** with the force of a tornado.

Sneezing is something that Clyde can *do*.

Because of the spoiled mayonnaise, Ricky **vomited** potato salad all day.

Vomiting is something that Ricky can *do*—although he might not enjoy it.

Sylvia always **winks** at cute guys driving hot cars.

Winking is something that Sylvia can *do*.

The telephone **rang** with shrill, annoying cries.

Ring is something that the telephone can *do*.

Thunder **boomed** in the distance, sending my poor dog scrambling under the bed.

Booming is something that thunder can *do*.

If you are unsure whether a sentence contains an action verb or not, look at every word in the sentence and ask yourself, "Is this something that a person or thing can *do*?" Take this sentence, for example:

During the summer, my poodle constantly pants and drools.

Can you *during*? Is *during* something you can *do*? Can you *the*? Is there someone *theing* outside the window right now? Can you *summer*? Do your obnoxious neighbors keep you up until 2 a.m. because they are *summering*? Can you *my*? What does a person do when she's *mying*? Can you *poodle*? Show me what *poodling* is. Can you *pant*? Bingo! Sure you can! Run five miles and you'll be panting. Can you *and*? Of course not! But can you *drool*? You bet—although we don't need a demonstration of this ability. In the sentence above, therefore, there are two action verbs: *pant* and *drool*.

Know a *linking* verb when you see one.

Linking verbs, on the other hand, do not express action. Instead, they connect the subject of a verb to additional information about the subject. Look at the examples below:

Mario *is* a computer hacker.

Ising isn't something that Mario can do. *Is* connects the subject, *Mario*, to additional information about him, that he will soon have the FBI on his trail.

During bad storms, trailer parks *are* often magnets for tornadoes.

Areing isn't something that trailer parks can do. *Are* is simply connecting the subject, *trailer parks*, to something said about them, that they tend to attract tornadoes.

After receiving another failing grade in algebra, Jose *became* depressed.

Became connects the subject, *Jose*, to something said about him, that he wasn't happy.

A three-mile run *seems* like a marathon during a hot, humid July afternoon.

Seems connects the subject, **a three-mile run**, with additional information, that it's more arduous depending on the day and time.

At restaurants, Rami always **feels** angry after waiting an hour for a poor meal.

Feels connects the subject, **Rami**, to his state of being, anger.

The following verbs are *true* linking verbs: any form of the verb **be**[**am**, **were**, **has been**, **are being**, **might have been**, etc.], **become**, and **seem**. These true linking verbs are *always* linking verbs.

Then you have a list of verbs with multiple personalities: **appear**, **feel**, **grow**, **look**, **prove**, **remain**, **smell**, **sound**, **taste**, and **turn**. Sometimes these verbs are linking verbs; sometimes they are action verbs. Their function in a sentence decides what you should call them.

How do you tell when they are action verbs and when they are linking verbs? If you can substitute **am**, **is**, or **are** for the verb and the sentence still sounds logical, you have a linking verb on your hands. If, after the substitution, the sentence makes no sense, you are dealing with an action verb. Here are some examples:

Chris **tasted** the crunchy, honey-roasted grasshopper.

Chris **is** the grasshopper? I don't think so! In this sentence then, **tasted** is an action verb.

The crunchy, honey-roasted grasshopper **tasted** good.

The grasshopper **is** good? You bet. Roast your own!

I **smell** the delicious aroma of the grilled octopus.

I **am** the delicious aroma? Not the last time I checked. **Smell**, in this sentence, is an action verb.

The aroma of the grilled octopus **smells** appetizing.

The aroma **is** appetizing? Definitely! Come take a whiff!

The students **looked** at the equation until their brains hurt.

The students **are** the equation? Of course not! Here, **looked** is an action verb.

The equation **looked** hopelessly confusing.

The equation **is** confusing? Without a doubt! You try it.

This substitution will not work for **appear**. With **appear**, you have to analyze the function of the verb.

Godzilla **appeared** in the doorway, spooking me badly.

Appear is something Godzilla can *do*—whether you want him to or not.

Godzilla **appeared** happy to see me.

Here, **appeared** is connecting the subject, **Godzilla**, to his state of mind, happiness.

Realize that a verb can have more than one part.

You must remember that verbs can have more than one part. In fact, a verb can have as many as *four* parts. A multi-part verb has a base or *main* part as well as additional helping or **auxiliary verbs** with it. Check out the examples below:

Harvey **spilled** chocolate milkshake on Leslie's new dress.

Because Harvey is a klutz, he **is** always **spilling** something.

Harvey **might have spilled** the chocolate milkshake because the short dress distracted him.

Harvey **should have been spilling** the chocolate milkshake down his throat.

There are separate sections on

- [The Passive Voice](#)
- [Progressive, Stative, and Dynamic Verbs](#) and
- [Conditional Verb Forms](#)
- [The "To Be" Verb](#)

Definitions

Verbs carry the idea of being or action in the sentence.

- I *am* a student.
- The students *passed* all their courses.

As we will see on this page, verbs are classified in many ways. First, some verbs require an **object** to complete their meaning: "She gave _____ ?" Gave what? She gave money to the church. These verbs are called **transitive**. Verbs that are **intransitive** do not require objects: "The buildingcollapsed." In English, you cannot tell the difference between a transitive and intransitive verb by its form; you have to see how the verb is functioning within the sentence. In fact, a verb can be both transitive and intransitive: "The monster collapsed the building by sitting on it."

Although you will seldom hear the term, a **ditransitive verb** — such as *cause* or *give* — is one that can take a direct object and an indirect object at the same time: "That horrid music gave *me* a headache." Ditransitive verbs are slightly different, then, from **factitive verbs** (see below), in that the latter take two objects.

Verbs are also classified as either **finite** or **non-finite**. A finite verb makes an assertion or expresses a state of being and can stand by itself as the main verb of a sentence.

- The truck demolished the restaurant.
- The leaves were yellow and sickly.

Non-finite verbs (think "unfinished") cannot, by themselves, be main verbs:

- The broken window . . .
- The whizzing gentleman . . .

Another, more useful term for non-finite verb is **verbal**. In this section, we discuss various verbal forms: infinitives, gerunds, and participles.

For WebCT Users



The "-s" Problem Icon means that the verb requires an -s ending because it's a third-person (he/she/it) verb in the present tense. See the [Table of Verb Tenses](#) for help in identifying present tenses requiring the -s.



The "-ed" Problem Icon probably means that the verb requires an -*ed* ending because it's in the past tense or that an -*ed* ending has been used inappropriately. The -*ed* ending is particularly problematic when it occurs just before a "d" or "t" sound as in "We are used to doing things the way we're supposed to: like in the old-fashioned ed days." See the [Table of Verb Tenses](#) for help in identifying past tenses requiring the -*ed*.



The "Verb" Problem Icon probably means that the verb tenses in this sentence are inconsistent or incorrect. See the section on [Sequencing](#) for help in using the correct sequence of verb tenses. See the section on [Consistency](#) for help in maintaining a proper consistency in verb tense.

Four Verb Forms

The inflections (endings) of English verb forms are not difficult to remember. There are only four basic forms. Instead of forming complex tense forms with endings, English uses auxiliary verb forms. English does not even have a proper ending for future forms; instead, we use auxiliaries such as "I am going to read this afternoon." or "I will read." or even "I am reading this book tomorrow." It would be useful, however, to learn these four basic forms of verb construction.

Name of verb	Base form	Past form	Present participle	Past participle
to work	I can work . I work .	I worked .	I am working .	I have worked .
to write	I can write . I write .	I wrote .	I am writing .	I have written .

Linking Verbs

A **linking verb** connects a subject and its [complement](#). Sometimes called *copulas*, linking verbs are often forms of the verb *to be*, but are sometimes verbs related to the five senses (*look, sound, smell, feel, taste*) and sometimes verbs that somehow reflect a state of being (*appear, seem, become, grow, turn, prove, remain*). What follows the linking verb will be either a noun complement or an adjective complement:

- Those people are all professors.
- Those professors are brilliant.
- This room smells bad.
- I feel great.
- A victory today seems unlikely.

A handful of verbs that reflect a change in state of being are sometimes called **resulting copulas**. They, too, link a subject to a predicate adjective:

- His face turned purple.
- She became older.
- The dogs ran wild.
- The milk has gone sour.
- The crowd grew ugly.

"This is he."

A Frequently Asked Question about linking verbs concerns the correct response when you pick up the phone and someone asks for you. One correct response would be "This is he [she]." The predicate following the linking verb should be in the nominative (subject) form — definitely *not* "This is him." If "This is he" sounds stuffy to you, try using "Speaking," instead, or "This is Fred," substituting your own name for Fred's — unless it's a bill collector or telemarketer calling, in which case "This is Fred" is a good response for everyone except people named Fred.



Active and Passive Voice

There is now a separate section dealing with issues raised by a verb's **VOICE** (active/passive).

Mood

Mood in verbs refers to one of three attitudes that a writer or speaker has to what is being written or spoken. The **indicative mood**, which describes most sentences on this page, is used to make a statement or ask a question. The **imperative mood** is used when we're feeling sort of bossish and want to give a directive, strong suggestion, or order:

- Get your homework done before you watch television tonight.
- Please include cash payment with your order form.
- Get out of town!

Notice that there is no subject in these imperative sentences. The pronoun *you* (singular or plural, depending on context) is the "understood subject" in imperative sentences. Virtually all imperative sentences, then, have a second person (singular or plural) subject. The sole exception is the first person construction, which includes an objective form as subject: "Let's (or Let us) work on these things together."



Click on the "Verb Guy" to read and hear Bob Dorough's "Verb: That's What's Happening!" (from Scholastic Rock, 1974).

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The **subjunctive mood** is used in dependent clauses that do the following: 1) express a wish; 2) begin with *if* and express a condition that does not exist (is contrary to fact); 3) begin with *as if* and *as though* when such clauses describe a speculation or condition contrary to fact; and 4) begin with *that* and express a demand, requirement, request, or suggestion. A new section on the uses of the [Conditional](#) should help you understand the subjunctive.

- She wishes her boyfriend were here.
- If Juan were more aggressive, he'd be a better hockey player.
- We would have passed if we had studied harder.
- He acted as if he were guilty.
- I requested that he be present at the hearing.

The subjunctive is not as important a mood in English as it is in other languages, like French and Spanish, which happen to be more subtle and discriminating in hypothetical, doubtful, or wishful expressions. Many situations which would require the subjunctive in other languages are satisfied by using one of several auxiliary verbs in English.

The New York Public Library's *Writer's Guide to Style and Usage* has this important note on the subjunctive: "The words *if*, *as if*, or *as though* do not always signal the subjunctive mood. If the information in such a clause points out a condition that is or was probable or likely, the verb should be in the indicative mood. The indicative tells the reader that the information in the dependent clause could possibly be true" (155). *Cited with permission.*

The present tense of the subjunctive uses only the base form of the verb.

- He demanded that his students *use* two-inch margins.
- She suggested that we *be* on time tomorrow.

The past tense of the subjunctive has the same forms as the indicative except (unfortunately) for the verb *to be*, which uses *were* regardless of the number of the subject.

- If I *were* seven feet tall, I'd be a great basketball player.
- He wishes he *were* a better student.
- If you *were* rich, we wouldn't be in this mess.
- If they *were* faster, we could have won that race.

Auxiliary or Helping Verbs

The issues raised by **Helping** or **Auxiliary Verbs** and **Modal Auxiliaries** are covered in a separate section. Click here for help with [Auxiliary Verbs and Modal Auxiliaries](#).

Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs consist of a verb and another word or phrase, usually a [preposition](#). The resulting combination creates what amounts to a new verb, whose meaning can sometimes be puzzling to non-native speakers. Phrasal verbs often arise from casual uses of the language and

eventually work themselves into the mainstream of language use. Phrasal verbs can be both intransitive (The children were sitting around, doing nothing. The witness finally broke down the stand.) and transitive in meaning (Our boss called off the meeting. She looked up her old boyfriend.) The word that is joined with a verb in this construction (often a preposition) is called a **particle**.

The problem with phrasal verbs is that their meaning is often, at first, obscure, and they often mean several different things. *To make out*, for instance, can mean to perceive or to see something; it can also mean to engage in light sexual play. If someone chooses to turn up the street that is a combination of a verb and a preposition, but it is not a phrasal verb. On the other hand, if your neighbors unexpectedly turn up (appear) at a party or your brother turns up his radio, those are phrasal verbs. *To come out*, we are told, has eighteen different meanings.

Verbs can be combined with different prepositions and other words, sometimes with dizzying effect: stand out, stand up, stand in, stand off, stand by, stand fast, stand pat, stand down, stand against, stand for. Further, the verb and the word or phrase it connects to are not always contiguous: "Fill this out," we would say, but then we would say, "Fill out this form."

You can click [HERE](#) for an extensive list of [phrasal verbs](#), broken down into categories of transitive and intransitive, separable and inseparable. The list of verbs is accompanied with brief definitions and examples. Printed out, the list will be five or six pages long, depending on the size font you are using, the width of your browser window, etc. Understand, however, that the list is a mere sampling of the hundreds of phrasal verb combinations. For beginning language learners, the challenge of mastering phrasal verbs is so great that only intensive instruction and practice in an ESL program and a great deal of time spent listening and reading carefully can address the problem. Having a good dictionary at hand is also helpful.

Causative Verbs

Causative verbs designate the action necessary to cause another action to happen. In "The devil made me do it." the verb "made" *causes* the "do" to happen. Here is a brief list of causative verbs, in no particular order: let, help, allow, have, require, allow, motivate, get, make, convince, hire, assist, encourage, permit, employ, force. Most of them are followed by an object (noun or pronoun) followed by an infinitive: "She allows her pet cockatiel to perch on the windowsill. She hired a carpenter to build a new birdcage."

Three causative verbs are exceptions to the pattern described above. Instead of being followed by a noun/pronoun and an infinitive, the causative verbs *have*, *make* and *let* are followed by a noun/pronoun and the base form of the verb (which is actually an infinitive with the "to" left off).

- Professor Villa had her students read four short novels in one week.
- She also made them read five plays in one week.
- However, she let them skip the final exam.

Factive Verbs

Verbs like *make*, *choose*, *judge*, *elect*, *select*, *name*. are called **factive verbs**. These transitive verbs can take two objects, or seem to:

- They judged Philbert's dog Best of Show. (where "dog" is the direct object and "Best of Show" is the second complement).

- The faculty elected Dogsbreath the new Academic Dean. (where Dogsbreath is the direct object and "Academic Dean" is the second complement).
- *U.S. News and World Report* named our college the best in the northeast. (where "our college" is the direct object and "the best" is the second complement).

Tenses

Tense shows the time of a verb's action or being. There are three inflected forms reflected by changes in the endings of verbs. The **present tense** indicates that something is happening or being now: "She is a student. She drives a new car." The **simple past tense** indicates that something happened in the past: "She was a student. She drove a new car." And the **past participle** form is combined with auxiliary verbs to indicate that something happened in the past prior to another action: "She has been a student. She had driven a new car."

Unlike most other languages, English does not have inflected forms for the future tense. Instead, English future forms are created with the use of auxiliaries: "She will be a student. She is going to drive a new car." English can even create the future by using the present tense, "The bus arrives later this afternoon," or the present progressive, "He is relocating to Portland later next month."

For an extensive discussion of the future tense in English, click [HERE](#).

Progressive Verbs

The **progressive tenses**, which indicate something being or happening, are formed with the present participle form (ending in -*ing*) along with various auxiliaries. "She is driving. She was driving. She will be driving. She has been driving. She had been driving. She will have been driving." Click [HERE](#) for more on the progressive forms. Some verbs, called **stative verbs**, (including, sometimes, the verb *to be*) do not normally create the progressive. Click here for a discussion of the difference between [stative and dynamic verbs](#).

For help with the verb "to be," click the enter button below.

If you have a frames-capable browser, we recommend the

The Directory contains descriptions, conjugations (for both regular and [irregular](#) verbs), and sample sentences for the twelve tenses of active voice verbs. For a greatly simplified one-page summary of these tenses, click [HERE](#).

Colin Mahoney, a teacher of English as a foreign language, has a considerable page devoted to the [Present Perfect Tense \(and related issues\)](#), which we recommend. For ESL learners and students wanting a thorough review of verbs, we also recommend the tutorial on English tenses at [Englishpage.com](#) (expect ads).

Irregular Verbs

Most verbs in English form their various tenses consistently: add *-ed* to the base of a verb to create the simple past and past participle: he walkeded; he has walkeded. There are, however, a number of so-called **irregular verbs**, (including, unfortunately, some very common verbs such as *to be* and *to have*) whose various forms must be memorized. An alphabetized list of [Common Irregular Verbs](#) is available in the Guide that you can copy or print out and then try to memorize or at least use in practice sentences. You should take the quizzes on irregular verbs, below, after you've looked at this list.

Sequence of Tenses

Sequence of Tenses: The relationship between verbs in a main clause and verbs in dependent clauses is important. These verb tenses don't have to be identical as long as they reflect, logically, shifts in time and meaning: "My brother *had graduated* before I *started* college." "My brother *will have graduated* before I *start*." Click [HERE](#) for a chart describing various time relationships and how those relationships determine the appropriate sequence of verb tenses.

Verbals

Verbals are words that seem to carry the idea of action or being but do not function as a true verb. They are sometimes called "nonfinite" (unfinished or incomplete) verbs. Because time is involved with all verb forms, whether finite or nonfinite, however, following a logical Tense Sequence is important. Click [HERE](#) for a chart describing the time elements involved in choosing the correct verbal form. Verbals are frequently accompanied by other, related words in what is called a *verbal phrase*.

There is a whole section on how verbals connect with other words to form phrases. Be sure to visit the always pleasant [GARDEN OF PHRASES](#).

Participle: a verb form acting as an adjective. The *running* dog chased the *fluttering* moth. A present participle (like *running* or *fluttering*) describes a present condition; a past participle describes something that has happened: "The completely *rotted* tooth finally fell out of his mouth." The distinction can be important to the meaning of a sentence; there is a huge difference between a *confusing* student and a *confused* student. See the section on [Adjectives](#) for further help on this issue.

Infinitive: the root of a verb plus the word *to*. To sleep, perchance to dream. A **present infinitive** describes a present condition: "I like to sleep." The **perfect infinitive** describes a time earlier than that of the verb: "I would like to have won that game." See the section on [Sequence](#) below for other forms as well.

The Split Infinitive

If there is one error in writing that your boss or history prof can and will pick up on, it's the notorious **split infinitive**. An infinitive is said to be "split" when a word (often an adverb) or phrase sneaks between the *to* of the infinitive and the root of the verb: "to boldly go," being the most famous of its kind. The argument against split infinitives (based on rather shaky historical grounds) is that the infinitive is a single unit and, therefore, should not be divided. Because it raises so many readers' hackles and is so easy to spot, good writers, at least in academic prose, avoid the split infinitive. Instead of writing "She expected her grandparents to not stay," then, we could write "She expected her grandparents not to stay." Sometimes, though, avoiding the split infinitive simply isn't worth the bother. There is nothing wrong, really, with a sentence such as the following:

He thinks he'll be able to more than double his salary this year.

The Oxford American Desk Dictionary, which came out in October of 1998, says that the rule against the split infinitive can generally be ignored, that the rule "is not firmly grounded, and treating two English words as one can lead to awkward, stilted sentences." ("To Boldly Go," *The Hartford Courant*. 15 Oct 1998.) Opinion among English instructors and others who feel strongly about the language remains divided, however. Today's dictionaries allow us to split the infinitive, but it should never be done at the expense of grace. Students would be wise to know their instructor's feelings on the matter, workers their boss's.

Both gerunds and infinitive phrases can function as nouns, in a variety of ways. Noun uses are covered in a separate document, a section that should be helpful to students who want to understand why some verbs take gerunds, others take infinitives, some take either. (In addition, there is a section on the use of the infinitive as adjective complement — free at no extra charge.) Click the button to enter.



Gerund: a verb form, ending in *-ing*, which acts as a noun. Running in the park after dark can be dangerous. Gerunds are frequently accompanied by other associated words making up a **gerund phrase** ("running in the park after dark").

Because gerunds and gerund phrases are nouns, they can be used in any way that a noun can be used:

- *as subject:* Being king can be dangerous for your health.
- *as object of the verb:* He didn't particularly like being king.

- *as object of a preposition:* He wrote a book about being king.

Infinitives and Gerunds and Sequence

Although they are not, strictly speaking, verbs, infinitives and gerunds carry within them the idea of action. Combined with auxiliary verb forms, like verbs, they also express various shades of time.

Simple Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had planned to watch all the events of the Olympics • Seeing those athletes perform is always a great thrill.
Perfective Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The women's hockey team hoped to have won a gold medal before they were done. • We were thrilled about their having been in contention in the world championships before.
Passive Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be chosen as an olympian must be the biggest thrill in any athlete's life. • Being chosen, however, is probably not enough.
Perfective Passive Forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The women did not seem satisfied simply to have been selected as players. • Having been honored this way, they went out and earned it by winning the gold.
Perfective Progressive Infinitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have been competing at that level, at their age already, was quite an accomplishment.

Actual and Potential Meanings

Although a gerund and an infinitive will often have practically the same meaning ("Running in the park after dark can be dangerous" and "To run in the park after dark can be dangerous"), there can be a difference in meaning. Gerunds are used to describe an "actual, vivid, or fulfilled action" whereas infinitives are better used to describe "potential, hypothetical, or future events" (Frodesen & Eyring 297). This is especially true with three kinds of verbs: verbs of emotion, verbs of completion/incompletion, and verbs of remembering.

EMOTION

Actual Event

I hated practicing my violin while the other kids were playing outside.

Potential Event

I prefer to work during the day.

COMPLETION/INCOMPLETION

Actual Event

We began working on this project two years ago. We finished working on this project a month ago. (*Finish* always takes a gerund.)

Potential Event

We will continue to work on this project for the next four months. I wonder when we will start to wrap up this project.

REMEMBERING

(such as **remember, forget, regret**)

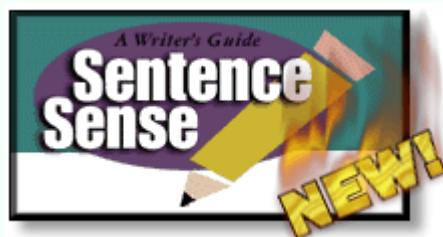
Juanita forgot to do her homework. (meaning that Juanita failed to do her homework because she didn't remember to do it)

Juanita forgot doing her homework. (meaning that Juanita did her homework but that she forgot she had done so)

For the various noun functions of both gerunds and infinitives, click on the button.



These distinctions for the various kinds of verbs (above) are based on those found in *Grammar Dimensions: Form, Meaning, and Use*. 2nd Ed. Jan Frodesen and Janet Eyring. Heinle & Heinle: Boston, 1997. Examples our own.



For additional help recognizing and working with verbs and verb forms, see [Chapter 2](#) of **Sentence Sense: A Writer's Guide**.

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