WHEN PLANS GO WRONG

Gerunds & Infinitives 2.0



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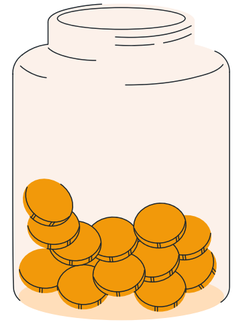
THE £100 PROBLEM FIX

Imagine that all five problems happen during your holiday. You have £100 to make some of them disappear, but you cannot solve everything. First, choose individually which problems you would pay to solve. Then compare your choices with a partner and agree on one final plan without spending more than £100. Explain your decisions using the useful phrases. Finally, present your plan to the class and vote for the best solution.

£10	You forgot to pack your phone charger. 
£20	You have to stand in a two-hour queue. 
£30	You got a little sunburn on your first day. 
£50	Your hotel is nothing like the photos. 
£70	Your suitcase didn't arrive. 

Useful language:

- *I don't mind...*
- *I hate...*
- *I think the ... problem is the worst.*
- *I'd prefer to solve...*
- *We need to solve...*
- *What about...?*
- *Let's spend £... on...*
- *I agree because...*
- *I don't agree because...*
- *Then we'll have £... left.*
- *We've decided to solve...*



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ROOM 404

1. Mila and Dan have arrived at their hotel. It is nothing like the photos. Read about their holiday. Choose the correct verb form and write down the letter next to it. The eight letters reveal what Mila and Dan should do next.

1. They planned **to spend (C) / spending (R)** a relaxing week by the sea.
2. They also hoped **to relax (O) / relaxing (E)** beside a large, quiet pool.
3. Their room is above a noisy bar. They can't imagine **to stay (A) / staying (M)** there for seven nights.
4. The real swimming pool was small and crowded, so they avoided **to use (T) / using (P)** it.
5. The receptionist managed **to find (L) / finding (O)** their booking after thirty minutes.
6. Mila and Dan don't mind **to wait (E) / waiting (A)** for a few minutes, but half an hour is too long!
7. They decided **to speak (I) / speaking (U)** to the hotel manager.
8. They would like **to move (N) / moving (D)** to a different hotel.

Secret message:

Mila and Dan should _____.

2. Look back at the exercise. Underline the first verb and circle the form that follows it.
Then, complete the two groups with verbs from the exercise.

verb + -ing form (gerund)	verb + infinitive with to
imagine	*plan*
_____	_____
_____	_____
	_____
	_____



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COMPLETE THE RULES

1. Use the options on the right to complete the rule.

When we use two verbs together, the _____ decides the form of the second verb.
After some verbs, we use the _____ form of the second verb.
After other verbs, we use _____ + the _____ of the verb.

- **base form**
- **-ing**
- **first verb**
- **to**

2. Put the verbs from the box in the correct place.

learn | recommend | need | enjoy | hate | finish | want

Verbs which are usually followed by the *-ing* form (gerund) include:

imagine, _____, avoid, mind, _____, spend (time), suggest, _____, miss

Verbs which are usually followed by the infinitive with *to*:

would like, decide, plan, _____, hope, _____, manage, offer, _____, ask

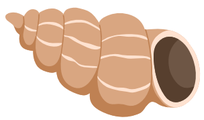
After some verbs about feelings, both forms are possible.

_____, like, love, prefer

The meaning is usually almost the same.

- -ing focuses more on the activity.
- to + verb focuses more on the choice or result.

I prefer booking hotels early.
I prefer to book hotels early because the prices are lower.





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RED FLAG OR GREEN FLAG?

Read the situations. Underline the verb that fits the form of the verb after it.
Work in pairs. Compare your answers and discuss whether they are red or green flags.

*A listing is an advertisement for a place to stay on a website like Airbnb or Booking.com. It's the page with the photos, the description, the price and the rules.



1. The host **suggests / asks** to meet you at midnight for the keys.
2. The listing* **offers / suggests** bringing your own towels and toilet paper.
3. The owner **recommends / asks** visiting a small café behind the church.
4. The owner **offers / recommends** to keep your passport 'for safety'.
5. You **avoid / need** to climb 96 steps to reach the flat. There's no lift.
6. The host **spends / offers** ten minutes explaining how the heating works.
7. The airline **minds / wants** to charge you €60 for your hand luggage at the gate.
8. Three reviews say the neighbours **plan / enjoy** playing music until 4am.
9. The host **would like / doesn't mind** to stay in the flat with you.
10. The host **offers / doesn't mind** giving you a late check-out.
11. The host **decides / avoids** showing the bathroom in any of the photos.
12. The listing **suggests / hopes** booking a taxi because the buses stop at 9pm.

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REVIEW REPAIR

People often make mistakes when they write reviews quickly. Read the four reviews below. Eleven verbs are in the wrong form. Find them and write the correct form. Careful — most of the verbs are right!

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Sunset Palm Hotel — Nothing like the photos

We decided to book this hotel because of the pictures online. Big mistake. Our room wasn't ready, and the receptionist suggested to wait in the lobby. I don't mind to wait ten minutes, but two hours? We then spent the whole evening to look for a plug that actually worked. I wouldn't recommend to stay here. If you want to sleep, choose somewhere else.

★★★★



Blue Door Hostel — Small room, great people

I finished to unpack in five minutes because I only had hand luggage. The staff offered to show us their favourite cafés, and I learnt to make proper pasta at the cooking night. I enjoyed to meet people from ten different countries. The beds are hard, so if you hate sleeping on a thin mattress, bring something soft. I would like coming back next summer.

★★



FlyLow Airlines — You get what you pay for

We managed to check in online, which saved us an hour. At the gate I asked to change my seat because I'm quite tall. They said yes — but then I needed paying €35 for it. I usually avoid to travel with this airline, and now I remember why. I can't imagine to sit there for six hours again. At least we hoped to arrive on time, and we did.

★★★★★



Casa Verde Apartment — I'd go back tomorrow

I already miss to wake up to that view. We prefer to stay in apartments rather than hotels, and this one was perfect. I love cooking on holiday, and the kitchen had everything. We like to walk everywhere, so the location was ideal. We plan to return in October.

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YOUR TRAVEL PERSONALITY

Complete the sentences about yourself. Careful — you decide the form of the verb.
Then work in pairs. Compare your sentences and find your three biggest differences.

I can't imagine
_____



I've never managed
_____

When I'm away I miss
_____





Next summer I hope
_____

One day I'd like to learn
_____





On the first day of a holiday I love _____

At the airport I hate
_____



This year I've decided
_____

I never finish
_____



On a long journey I prefer
_____

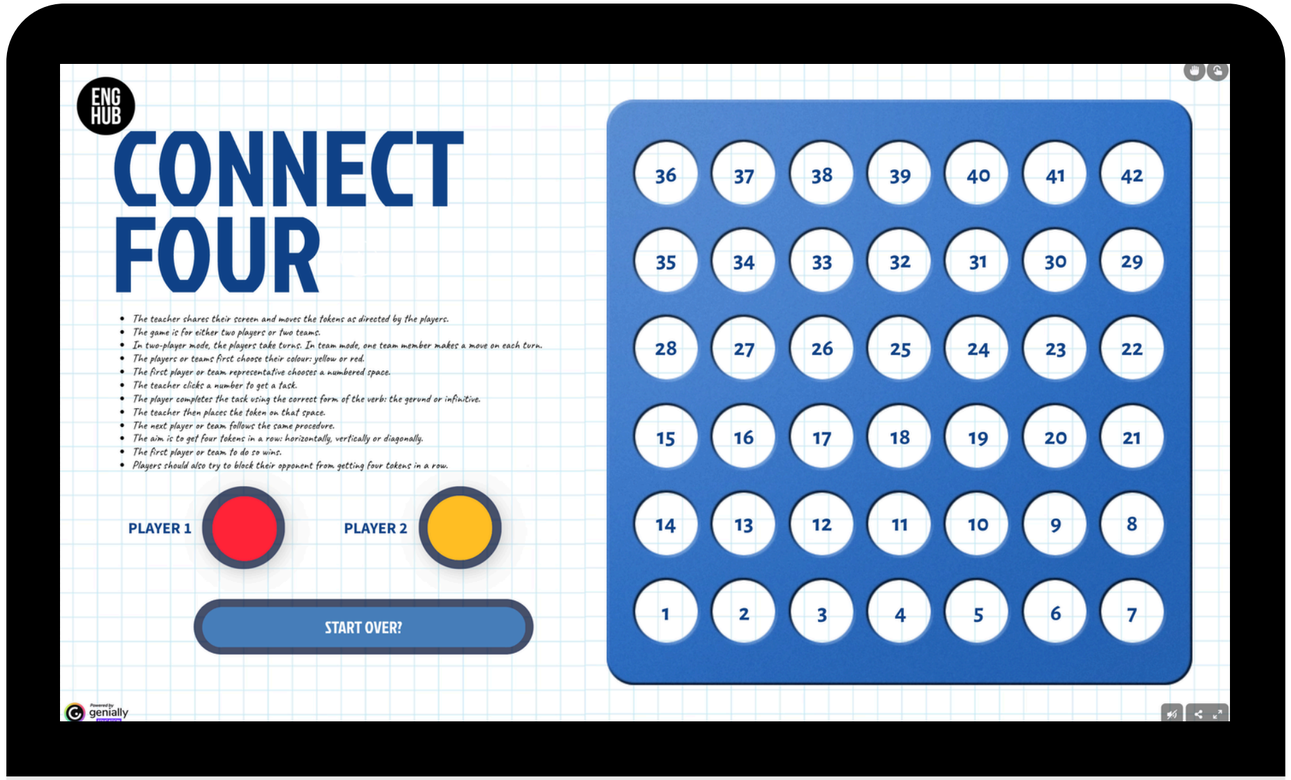
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LET'S PRACTISE MORE!

Optional task

Have fun competing to be the first to get four tokens in a row while practising gerunds and infinitives and talking about holidays!





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ONE WEEKEND, TWO PEOPLE

One weekend, two very different travellers, five decisions. Practise gerunds and infinitives while you argue your way to a plan. Open the link and click to get a card.





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EXTRA TASKS

1. Match the two halves of the sentences. More than one match may be possible — pick the most logical one.

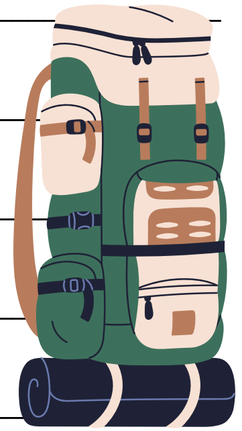
1. I've never managed ___
2. The guide offered ___
3. We spend every evening ___
4. Our neighbours don't mind ___
5. The waiter recommended ___
6. My parents have decided ___
7. I'd suggest ___
8. She hopes ___
9. He finished ___
10. My sister asked me ___



a) walking along the river.
b) to sleep on a night bus.
c) booking a table for tonight.
d) to show us the old town.
e) to leave her bags in my flat.
f) trying the fish soup, the chef's speciality.
g) feeding our cat while we're away.
h) to visit us in September and bring their dog.
i) to find a job by the sea.
j) packing at two in the morning.

2. Rewrite the sentences using the verb in brackets followed by the correct form: a gerund (-ing) or an infinitive (to + verb). Sometimes both are possible.

1. She never eats street food when she travels. (avoid)
→ She _____
2. He really doesn't want to go by plane. (hate)
→ He _____
3. Iceland is the place I'd really love to visit. (would like)
→ I _____
4. They're going to stay in a small village. (plan)
→ They _____
5. It's necessary to book the ferry in advance. (need)
→ You _____
6. Sunday markets are the best part of my holiday. (love)
→ I _____
7. Diving is on her list for this summer. (want)
→ She _____
8. I'm having sailing lessons at the moment. (learn)
→ I _____
9. When I'm abroad, I think about my morning walks with the dog. (miss)
→ I _____
10. For us, hostels are better than hotels. (prefer)
→ We _____



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EXTRA TASK

Read the posts. Post 1 has an example reply — look at it first. Then write your own replies to Post 2 and Post 3. Write three or four sentences for each. Use at least three verbs from the box in every reply, and underline them.

avoid | imagine | enjoy | mind | recommend | finish| spend time | suggest | miss | would like | decide | plan | need | hope | want | manage | offer | learn | ask | hate | like | love | prefer

Post 1 — Max, 19

I've booked a hostel with 12 beds in one room. It's my first time, and now I'm a bit scared. What should I do?



Example reply:

*Don't worry! I'd **recommend taking** earplugs and a small lock for your bag. Most people in hostels are friendly, so you could **ask to join** them for dinner on the first evening. You'll probably **enjoy meeting** people from everywhere — my first hostel is still my favourite holiday.*

Post 2 — Lena, 34



My flight lands at 2am and I can't check in until 3pm. That's 13 hours in a city where I know nobody. Any ideas?

Your reply:

Post 3 — Tom, 27

My friend and I are travelling together next month. He wants to see six cities in ten days. I want to sit by the sea. Help!

Your reply:



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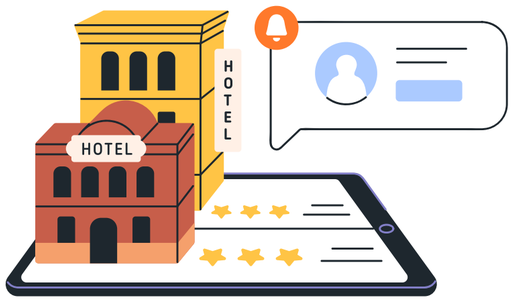
EXTRA TASK

Read this one-star review. Rewrite it as a five-star review of the same place. Give it a new title. Use at least six verbs from the box — be careful with the form. Then swap with a partner and count each other's verbs.

avoid | imagine | enjoy | mind | recommend | finish| spend time | suggest | miss | would like | decide | plan | need | hope | want | manage | offer | learn | ask | hate | like | love | prefer

Hotel Marisol — Never again ★

We booked this hotel for our anniversary. Big mistake. Nobody helped us with our bags and the receptionist told us to carry them up four floors ourselves. It was midnight and we had two suitcases. The room was next to the main road, so the noise kept us awake all night. At breakfast, our table was dirty and nobody came to serve us for twenty minutes. The photos online show a swimming pool — it was closed all week and nobody told us. We booked five nights and left after two. Choose somewhere else.



Hotel Marisol — _____ ★★★★★

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THANK YOU!



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