Gerunds or Infinitives Chart

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Is it before the main verb?	Does it describe a real action?	>	Use a gerund.					Example:	Reading is a lot of fun.
	Does it describe a general or future action?	>	Use an infinitive.					Example:	To help is important.
Is it after the main verb?	Does it appear on the "Verbs Followed Only by Gerunds" list?	>	Use a gerund.					Example:	He suggested returning home.
	Does it appear on the "Verbs Followed Only by Infinitives" list?	>	Use an infinitive.					Example:	He offered to return home.
	If it doesn't appear on either of the two lists	>	Does it describe sports or recreational activities?	>	Use a gerund.			Example:	Let's go shopping.
			Does it appear after a preposition?	>	Use a gerund.			Example:	I am thinking about changing my job.
			Does it appear after the words: have / spend / waste?	>	Use a gerund.			Example:	We had fun playing with the kids.
			Does it show the intention or purpose?	>	Use an infinitive.			Example:	He came to help.
			Does it show the reason?	>	Use an infinitive.			Example:	I was happy to see her.
			If it doesn't fall into any of these categories	>	Does it describe a real action?	>	Use a gerund.	Example:	I jog daily, and I like jogging very much.
					Does it describe a general or future action?	>	Use an infinitive.	Example:	I usually don't jog, but I like to jog when I get the