

## Verbs followed by -ing forms - part I

After some verbs we can use an -ing form, but not normally an infinitive. Which verbs can be followed by an -ing form? Well, there are no specific rules. You have to memorize them. Some common verbs that are normally followed by -ing forms are given below. Some of these verbs can also be followed by an object + -ing form. Example sentences are given to provide context.

### Admit

The boy admitted having stolen the money.

She did not admit knowing anything about him.

### Appreciate

He appreciates spending his weekends with his family.

I don't appreciate being alone for a long time.

### Avoid

Children should avoid spending too much time in front of the TV.

I couldn't avoid meeting him.

### Consider

We must consider buying another computer.

You must consider getting a new job.

### Contemplate

We contemplated moving to a bigger house.

The poor woman contemplated committing suicide after her husband's death.

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Delay

We will delay starting the project until next week.

Deny

He denied committing the crime.

She denied lying to her mother.

Detest

I detest working on Sundays.

I detest having to wake up early in the morning.

Dislike

I dislike getting into arguments with people.

She dislikes having to look after young children.

I dislike people telling me what to do.

Enjoy

I enjoy playing with my kids.

He enjoys making paper toys.