Gerunds/Infinitives

Examples: We plan to go hiking this weekend. Yuki has finished writing her journal assignment.

1. **VERB + INFINITIVE (TO...)**
   - plan to
   - intend to
   - hope to
   - decide to
   - promise to
   - agree to
   - refuse to
   - offer to (=volunteer to)
   - ask to (for yourself)
   - expect to
   - would like to
   - need to
   - want to

2. **VERB + PERSON (OBJECT) + INFINITIVE (TO)**
   - tell someone to
   - advise someone to
   - invite someone to
   - allow someone to (= go=ive permission)

   **BOTH OK (VERB + INFINITIVE OR GERUND = SAME MEANING)**
   - love to or ing
   - like to or ing
   - prefer to or ing
   - hate to or ing
   - can’t stand to or ing (= hate)
   - continue to or ing
   - start to or ing
   - begin to or ing

3. **EXPRESSION + GERUND (ING)**
   - have a difficult time + ing
   - have a hard time + ing
   - have difficulty + ing
   - have trouble + ing
   - have a good time + ing
   - have fun + ing
   - be busy + ing

4. **PREPOSITION + GERUND (ING)**
   - (see next page for sentences)
   - be excited ABOUT + ing
   - complain ABOUT + ing
   - apologize FOR + ing
   - have a good reason FOR + ING
   - thank you FOR + ING
   - be responsible FOR + ing
   - be used TO + ing
   - be accustomed TO + ing
   - be interested IN + ing
   - be in charge OF + ing
   - instead OF + ing

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**preposition + gerund**

be excited about (needs a be verb)  
She is excited about going to Canada.

complain about (you say you don’t like)  
I always complain about doing the dishes.

apologize for  
He apologized for coming late.

(have a) good reason for  
Tom had a good reason for coming late.

thank you for  
Thank you for helping me.

be responsible for  
She is responsible for planning the party.

get / be used to*  
Now I am used to getting up early.

get / be accustomed to (=be used to)  
He isn’t accustomed to giving speeches.

be interested in  
I am interested in studying business.

be in charge of (her job, responsible for)  
She is in charge of planning the trip.

instead of (preposition)  
I went out with friends instead of watching TV.

*Past tense = I did it before but not now.

I used to sleep late.

I used to eat only healthy food.

I used to work in an office.

Now, something is new and strange for me, but I am getting used to it. (It’s not so strange now.)

I am getting used to waking up early to go to school.

I am used to eating American fast food.

I am accustomed to being a student again.