

THE USE OF THE GERUND

1. With the verbs and verbal phrases:

to avoid,
to burst out,
to deny,
to enjoy,
to excuse,
to fancy (in imperative sentences as an exclamation of surprise),
to finish,
to forgive,
to give up,
to go on,
to keep (on),
to leave off,
to mind (in negative and interrogative sentences),
to postpone,
to put off,
cannot help

2. With the following verbs and verbal phrases used with a preposition:

to accuse of,
to agree to,
to approve of,
to complain of,
to depend on,
to feel like,
to insist on,
to look like,
to object to,
to persist in,
to prevent from,
to rely on,
to speak of,
to succeed in,
to suspect of,
to thank for,
to think of,
to give up the idea of,
to look forward to,
not to like the idea of,
to miss an (the) opportunity of

3. With the following predicative word-groups (with or without a prepositions):

to be aware of,

to be busy in,

to be capable of,

to be fond of,

to be guilty of,

to be indignant at,

to be pleased (displeased) at,

to be proud of,

to be sure of,

to be surprised (astonished) at,

to be worth (while)