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Verbs followed by gerunds

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5. My great-grandmother has trouble .... (get) to our family reunions.

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These verbs are **followed by a gerund**:
deny discuss finish mention practice quit resist suggest

These verbs are **followed by an infinitive:**
arrange claim decide demand deserve expect pretend refuse volunteer

Some common expressions are **always followed by gerunds**.

She **had fun** / **a good time** arranging the party.

He **has trouble** / **a tough time** getting his assignments in on time.

He's **busy cooking** dinner right now.

She never **worries about cleaning** up after herself.

Some verbs take either a gerund or an infinitive, but the meaning of the sentence will be different.

I **stopped to drink** some coffee.
(I ended one activity and began another.)

I **stopped drinking** coffee.
(I don't do that activity anymore.)

I **stopped running** when I got tired.
(I temporarily ended the activity.)

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Check your answers

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