Some verbs can be followed by the full infinitive or the *-ing* form. The choice depends on the meaning.

Verb	Meaning	Example
remember + full infinitive	do something you are/were planning to do	*I'm glad I **remembered to do** my homework.*
remember + *-ing*	think of a past event	*I **remember** teachers at my school **hitting** children when they were naughty!*
forget + full infinitive	not do something you are/were planning to do	*I **forgot to turn up** for my driving test yesterday. How silly!*
forget + *-ing*	not be able to remember a past event	*I'll never **forget taking** my driving test for the first time. It was awful!*
try + full infinitive	make an effort to achieve something	*I'm really going to **try to pass** these exams.*
try + *-ing*	do something as an experiment to solve a problem	*If you don't know what that word means, **try looking** it up in a dictionary.*
stop + full infinitive	interrupt an action to do something else	*I was busy writing an essay but I had to **stop to answer** the phone.*
stop + *-ing*	stop an action	*Please **stop talking**!*
go on + full infinitive	stop one action and start another	*Jared attended Chichester Comprehensive and then **went on to study** philosophy at Cambridge.*
go on + *-ing*	continue	*The kids **went on laughing** even after the teacher had told them to stop.*
learn / teach + full infinitive	learn/teach a skill	*I'd love to **learn to paint** well.*
learn / teach + *-ing*	learn/teach a subject	*She **teaches painting** at a local adult education centre.*
like + full infinitive	be in the habit of; think it right to do	*We **like to interview** candidates in person before offering them a place on the course.*
like + *-ing*	enjoy	*Do you **like learning** foreign languages?*
mean + full infinitive	intend	*I didn't **mean to cheat**. I just happened to see Helen's book.*
mean + *-ing*	involve	*Being at university often **means learning** to live on your own.*
regret + full infinitive	be sorry about giving someone bad news	*We **regret to inform** you that your application has been rejected.*
regret + *-ing*	be sorry about what (has) happened	*I **regret leaving** school with no qualifications.*
consider / imagine + full infinitive	believe; think something is/was	*Everyone **considers** it **to be** the best grammar book on the market.* *I **imagine** him **to be** a very good teacher.*
consider / imagine + *-ing*	think about	*I'm **considering going** to evening classes.* ***Imagine being** a graduate!*