

Verbs with **-ING** and **TO INFINITIVE**

Algunos verbos cambian de significado dependiendo de si van seguidos de **-ing** o de **to + infinitive**.

A. REMEMBER / FORGET

1. remember / forget + **-ing**

Se usa para recordar algo después de haberlo hecho.

- I remember seeing that film. (Recuerdo haber visto esa película.)
- He'll never forget meeting her.

2. remember / forget + **to infinitive**

Se usa para recordar algo antes de hacerlo.

- I remembered to lock the door. (Recordé cerrar la puerta.)
- Don't forget to call me.

B. STOP

1. stop + **-ing** (dejar de hacer algo)

- I stopped smoking last year.

2. stop + **to infinitive** (parar para hacer otra cosa)

- We stopped to buy some food.

C. REGRET

1. regret + **-ing** (arrepentimiento por algo pasado)

- I regret telling her the truth.

2. regret + **to infinitive** (anunciar algo con pesar – formal)

- We regret to inform you that the flight is cancelled.

D. TRY

1. try + **-ing** (probar algo, puede funcionar o no)

- Try pressing the button again.

2. try + **to infinitive** (intentar algo difícil)

- I tried to open the door, but it was locked.

E. GO ON

1. go on + **-ing** (continuar haciendo lo mismo)

- He went on talking for hours.

2. go on + **to infinitive** (cambiar a otra actividad)

- She explained the problem and then went on to give examples.



Exercises

EXERCISE 1 – Choose -ing or to + infinitive

Completa las frases con la forma correcta del verbo entre paréntesis.

- I remember _____ (lock) the door before leaving.
She will never forget _____ (meet) him for the first time.
Don't forget _____ (turn off) the lights.
He stopped _____ (smoke) two years ago.
We stopped _____ (buy) some water on the way home.
I regret _____ (say) that you didn't pass the exam.
She regrets _____ (tell) him her secret.
Try _____ (press) the red button.
He tried _____ (open) the window, but it was broken.
She went on _____ (talk) although nobody was listening.

EXERCISE 2 – Choose the correct option

Elige la opción correcta.

1. I remember seeing / to see that film when I was a child.
2. Don't forget locking / to lock the door.
3. He stopped working / to work to answer the phone.
4. We regret to inform / informing you that the show is cancelled.
5. She tried to call / calling him, but he didn't answer.
6. He went on to explain / explaining the rules.
7. I'll never forget meeting / to meet her.
8. They stopped to have / having lunch at a small restaurant.

EXERCISE 3 – Rewrite the sentences

Reescribe la frase usando el verbo entre paréntesis y la forma correcta.

Ejemplo:

I remember the film. I saw it years ago. (remember)

→ I remember seeing the film.

1. I didn't forget. I posted the letter. (remember)
2. He doesn't smoke anymore. (stop)
3. She is sorry that she told the truth. (regret)
4. He pressed the button, but it didn't work. (try)
5. She finished explaining and then gave examples. (go on)

EXERCISE 4 – Complete with the correct verb and form

Usa remember / forget / stop / regret / try / go on y -ing o to infinitive.

1. Don't _____ (close) the window.
2. He _____ (play) video games last year.
3. We _____ (inform) you that the flight is delayed.
4. She _____ (study) harder after failing the exam.
5. I _____ (turn off) the oven before leaving.

EXERCISE 5 – Translate into English

Traduce las frases.

1. Recuerdo haber visto esa serie.
2. No olvides llamar a tu madre.
3. Dejé de comer comida rápida.
4. Paramos para comprar gasolina.
5. Lamento decirte que el tren ha sido cancelado.
6. Probé a reiniciar el ordenador.
7. Intenté abrir la puerta, pero no pude.
8. Continuó hablando durante una hora.
9. Explicó la lección y luego pasó a hacer ejercicios.

EXERCISE 1 – Choose -ing or to + infinitive

- I remember locking the door before leaving.
She will never forget meeting him for the first time.
Don't forget to turn off the lights.
He stopped smoking two years ago.
We stopped to buy some water on the way home.
I regret to say that you didn't pass the exam.
She regrets telling him her secret.
Try pressing the red button.
He tried to open the window, but it was broken.
She went on talking although nobody was listening.

EXERCISE 2 – Choose the correct option

- I remember seeing that film when I was a child.
Don't forget to lock the door.
He stopped to work to answer the phone.
We regret to inform you that the show is cancelled.
She tried to call him, but he didn't answer.
He went on to explain the rules.
I'll never forget meeting her.
They stopped to have lunch at a small restaurant.

EXERCISE 3 – Rewrite the sentences

- I didn't forget. I posted the letter. (remember)
→ I remembered to post the letter.
He doesn't smoke anymore. (stop)
→ He stopped smoking.
She is sorry that she told the truth. (regret)
→ She regrets telling the truth.
He pressed the button, but it didn't work. (try)
→ He tried pressing the button.
She finished explaining and then gave examples. (go on)
→ She explained the lesson and then went on to give examples.

EXERCISE 4 – Complete with the correct verb and form

- Don't forget to close the window.
He stopped playing video games last year.
We regret to inform you that the flight is delayed.
She went on studying harder after failing the exam.
I remembered to turn off the oven before leaving.

EXERCISE 5 – Translate into English

- I remember watching that series.
Don't forget to call your mother.
I stopped eating fast food.
We stopped to buy petrol.
We regret to inform you that the train has been cancelled.
I tried restarting the computer.
I tried to open the door, but I couldn't.
He went on talking for an hour.
She explained the lesson and then went on to do exercises.