Verbs *advise*,   
*allow*, *encourage*, *permit* and *recommend*

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| **verb + gerund** | or | **verb + object + infinitive** |
| I wouldn’t advise going there.  He doesn’t allow smoking in his house. |  | I wouldn’t advise you to go there.  He doesn’t allow anyone to smoke in his house. |

Ex. 1. Open the brackets using the gerund or the infinitive.

1. I wouldn’t recommend (stay) at that hotel.

2. I wouldn’t recommend you (stay) at that hotel.

3. She doesn’t allow anyone (drive) her car.

4. They don’t allow (talk) in the examination room.

5. What would you advise me (do)?

6. I wouldn’t advise (tell) anyone what’s happened.

7. He’s always encouraged me (have) confidence in myself.

8. The teachers of this school encourage (develop) individual interests.

9. I’d recommend you (see) the film. It’s very good.

10. I wouldn’t recommend (drive) through the city centre now. The traffic is terrible at this time of the day.

11. The invigilator didn’t permit anyone (leave) the classroom during the exam.

12. They don’t permit (use) dictionaries during the exam.

4. Verbs followed by either the infinitive or the gerund   
with a difference in meaning

Ex. 12. Open the brackets using the gerund or the infinitive. Add the necessary prepositions.

1. Someone stole my stereo, because I forgot (lock) the door of my car.

2. Jack forgot (ask) by his wife to pick her up on the way from work and drove straight home. When she finally got home on her own she was furious.

3. I remember (ride) a bicycle for the first time. I kept (fall) off the bike.

4. Visitors to Great Britain should remember (look) right first before crossing the road.

5. The examiner filled in his form and without looking at me said, “I regret (inform) you that you have failed (reach) the required standard.”

6. After his GCSEs, at which he didn’t do very well, Peter said he was fed up with exams and schoolwork, but his parents were sure that later he would regret (leave) school at 16 and insisted on (he, stay) on for two years more.

7. On the way back we stopped (have) lunch at a small café outside Epsom.

8. Moving to a foreign country means (change) your way of life.

9. I’m sorry I meant (tell) you about it earlier, but couldn’t find a suitable moment.

10. When we moved here we tried (make) the place look more cheerful. We tried (paint) the walls a lighter shade, (change) the curtains, (move) the furniture. Nothing worked, it remained as gloomy as ever.

11. It was already getting dark, but the boys went on (play) football.

12. Let’s go on (consider) the next item on the agenda.

13. I’m ashamed (confess) that I got frightened and ran away.

14. I’m ashamed (do) such a cowardly thing, but what is done cannot be undone.

15. I’m afraid (ask) my boss for a pay rise, because I’m afraid (make) him angry.

16. Will you stop (treat) me as if I were a baby?