

# 54 Verb patterns with prepositions

Some verb patterns include prepositions. Prepositions cannot be followed by infinitives, so these verb patterns only use gerunds.

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## 54.1 VERB WITH PREPOSITION AND GERUND

If a preposition is followed by a verb, the verb must be a gerund (the “-ing” form).



Jasmine **decided against taking** the job.

Gerund

### FURTHER EXAMPLES

Zac and Penny **are thinking about taking** a trip around the world.



My grandmother **is always worrying about forgetting** her house keys.



## 54.2 VERB WITH OBJECT, PREPOSITION, AND GERUND

If a verb takes an object, that object must come between the verb and the preposition.



He **congratulated her on winning** the competition.

### FURTHER EXAMPLES

Hilda **stopped her dog from running** away.



I **asked my mother about buying** a new computer, but she said no.

