

d. Some verbs are followed by gerunds or infinitives with a significant meaning change. These include *forget*, *go on*, *quit*, *regret*, *remember*, *stop*, and *try*.

- Marie Miller says she'll never **stop riding** until she's in her grave. (*stop the activity of riding*)
- Marie Miller would **stop** doing any other thing **to ride** a roller coaster. (*stop doing something else in order to ride a roller coaster*)
- They **try to follow** the map by interpreting it carefully and using a compass to plot their course. (*Try* means "attempt." They do not know if they will succeed or not.)
- If you want an interesting hobby, **try letterboxing**. (*Try* means "sample an activity.")

6. **BE CAREFUL!** Do not confuse gerunds with verbs in the progressive form, adverbial phrases, or present participles. See Unit 21 for a discussion of adverbial phrases.

- The average amount of time that people in the United States have to devote to leisure time is actually **increasing**. (*Increasing* is a verb in the progressive form.)
- **Judging** from these statistics, we might conclude that many Americans seem to enjoy being couch potatoes. (*Judging from these statistics* is an adverbial phrase.)
- Another **fascinating** pastime is orienteering. (*Fascinating* is a present participle used as an adjective.)