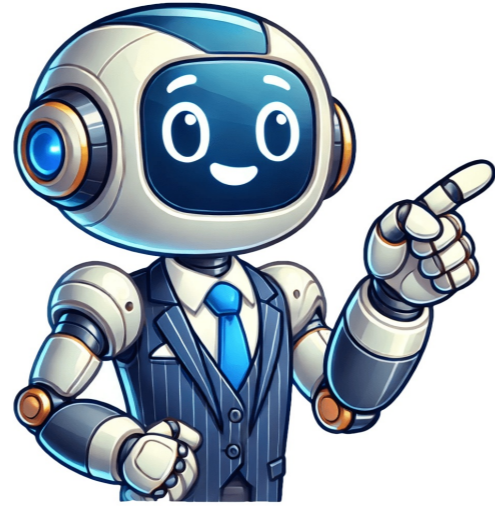


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Hi everyone, Recently I saw an English teaching video of a non-native speaker, who is also a PhD holder in communicative English. He told us to use the expression "Easy girl, you will knock me over", adding that here Easy girl means 'careful girl', otherwise you will knock me over. I'd like to get your opinion on this. In what situation does he tell you to say it? And to whom? In that context it means "Be careful girl", not "careful girl". It's an imperative, not an adjective. In what situation does he tell you to say it? And to whom? He says "Suppose, your little daughter is running here and there at high speed and at one stage she is about to hit you. At that time you can say 'Easy girl, you will knock me over' in the sense "Be careful girl otherwise you will knock me over". Thanks. I guess calling a young daughter 'girl' is OK. Hola, casualmente me he encontrado con las dos siguientes frases: -It's not easy to find a good man -It isn't easy travelling alone in a foreign country. ¿Por qué en una de ellas se usa gerundio y en la otra infinitivo? Yo pensaba que después de adjetivo va infinitivo. Gracias. Pero nada impide que digas "not easy finding" o "isn't easy to travel alone", el infinitivo y el gerundio tienen en común que son formas no personales del verbo (non-finite verbs), y por lo tanto no es raro que sean intercambiables. Ahora bien, lo que determina el uso del infinitivo o del gerundio es la naturaleza del adjetivo (o verbo también, por ejemplo), y no que "después del adjetivo siempre ha de ir el infinitivo". En tus ejemplos, el gerundio presenta la acción del verbo en desarrollo. Saludos For me there is a difference. The infinitive is impersonal and time-independent. The gerund often suggests an ongoing and personal action. 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Most of the usage of the English gerund is our infinitive (-ar-er-ir) playing its role as a noun and our gerund non personal verb as an adverb or adjective. Very pleased reading your answers and notes about English grammar. For me there is a difference. The infinitive is impersonal and time-independent. The gerund often suggests an ongoing and personal action. Examples A woman (Janet) who is actively looking for a good man, speaks to her straight friend Michael who is not looking for a man of any sort. Janet: It's not easy finding a good man. [Implication - I am in the process of looking] Michael: I'm sure it's not easy to find a good man. [Implication - he understands the difficulty but is not personally involved] It isn't easy to travel alone in a foreign country because the locals are always suspicious of a lone traveller. It isn't easy travelling alone in a foreign country because the locals are always suspicious of me. I didn't think there was any difference at all, but you're actually right. If I were to say, "It sucks being fat," it would sound like I was lamenting my current state. Whereas "It sucks to be fat," might be more of a general statement. Your remarks are very helpful. Thank you. For me there is a difference. The infinitive is impersonal and time-independent. The gerund often suggests an ongoing and personal action. Examples A woman (Janet) who is actively looking for a good man, speaks to her straight friend Michael who is not looking for a man of any sort. Janet: It's not easy finding a good man. [Implication - I am in the process of looking] Michael: I'm sure it's not easy to find a good man. [Implication - he understands the difficulty but is not personally involved] It isn't easy to travel alone in a foreign country because the locals are always suspicious of a lone traveller. It isn't easy travelling alone in a foreign country because the locals are always suspicious of me. What if one uses the gerund up front in position #1? "Finding a good man...". Is the difference between personal involvement and abstain still going to be there? Thank you! 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_

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