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What Are Non-Finite Verbs?

- A non-finite verb is a verb that does not change its form according to the subject or tense.
- It does not show time (tense) directly — it only helps to describe an action or state related to another verb in the sentence.

Types of Non-Finite Verbs

Type	Form	Example Sentences
Infinitive	“to” + base verb	She wants to sing . / I need to study .
Gerund	-ing form used as a noun	Swimming is good exercise. / He loves reading .
Participle	-ing or -ed form used as adjective	The crying baby needs milk. / The broken vase was expensive.

Remember

- Finite verbs change with subject or tense.
 He plays football. / They play football.
- Non-finite verbs never change form, even if the subject or tense changes.
 He likes to play. / They like to play.
- Non-finite verbs cannot act as the main verb in a sentence — they depend on a finite verb.
- There are three main forms: Infinitives, Gerunds, and Participles.

Examples:

- I like to read books.
- She enjoys playing guitar.
- Baked potatoes are delicious.

In these sentences, to read, playing, and baked are non-finite verbs.

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 **Instruction:** Write these verbs under the correct heading – Finite or Non-Finite.

Finite	Non-Finite.

play	eating	walk	singing	read	baking
played	to eat	walked	to sing	read	to bake
playing	write	walking	run	reading	build
to play	written	to walk	ran	to read	built
eat	writing	sing	running	bake	building
eaten	to write	sang	to run	baked	to build

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Instruction: Read carefully and underline the non-finite verb (to + verb / -ing / -ed form).

1. The teacher asked the students to complete their assignments before Friday.
2. Reading storybooks every night helps children improve their imagination.
3. We decided to travel by train instead of taking the car.
4. The broken chair in the corner needs to be repaired soon.
5. My mother loves baking cakes on weekends for the whole family.
6. The farmer hoped to harvest more wheat this year.
7. Listening to music makes me feel relaxed after a busy day.
8. The soldiers marched proudly, holding their flags high.
9. She forgot to lock the door before leaving the house.
10. The fallen leaves covered the entire garden path.
11. They promised to help us paint the classroom walls.
12. Swimming in the lake during summer is our favorite activity.
13. The children stood quietly, waiting for the bus to arrive.
14. He admitted cheating during the math test last week.
15. The man refused to answer any of the reporter's questions.
16. The burnt toast smelled awful and filled the kitchen with smoke.
17. She started learning French after joining the new school.
18. We plan to visit the national park next vacation.
19. The crying baby was looking for her mother.
20. I enjoy spending time with my grandparents on Sundays.

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 **Instruction:** Fill the blanks with the correct non-finite verb form.

1. She likes _____ (dance) at every school event.
2. The boy forgot _____ (bring) his notebook to class.
3. My sister enjoys _____ (cook) new dishes with our mother.
4. We decided _____ (watch) a movie after dinner.
5. The farmer kept _____ (work) even during the hot afternoon.
6. They promised _____ (help) us with the decorations.
7. _____ (Read) novels in English improves your vocabulary.
8. The child refused _____ (eat) vegetables at lunch.
9. The tourists wanted _____ (see) the ancient monument.
10. The tired workers stopped _____ (rest) under the tree.
11. She admitted _____ (make) a mistake in her report.
12. He hopes _____ (win) the race next year.
13. The baby started _____ (cry) when she saw strangers.
14. My father plans _____ (buy) a new car soon.
15. The gardener continued _____ (water) the plants in the rain.
16. _____ (Travel) around the world is my biggest dream.
17. They failed _____ (finish) the project on time.
18. The chef loves _____ (create) new recipes every week.
19. The students learned _____ (use) the new computer software.
20. The broken vase was difficult _____ (repair).

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 **Instruction:** Tick (✓) the correct option showing the right non-finite form.

- She began _____ when the music started.
(A) dance (B) to dance (C) danced (D) dances
- We decided _____ the mountain before sunset.
(A) climb (B) to climb (C) climbing (D) climbed
- _____ early every morning keeps you healthy.
(A) Walks (B) Walking (C) Walked (D) To walks
- The manager asked them _____ on the report quickly.
(A) work (B) to work (C) working (D) worked
- The child enjoys _____ with colorful toys.
(A) play (B) to play (C) playing (D) played
- They forgot _____ the lights before leaving.
(A) switching (B) to switch (C) switch (D) switched
- The movie was interesting enough _____ again.
(A) watch (B) to watch (C) watching (D) watched
- He admitted _____ his mistake in front of everyone.
(A) make (B) to make (C) making (D) made
- The teacher told us _____ quietly during the exam.
(A) stay (B) staying (C) to stay (D) stayed
- _____ English well takes a lot of practice.
(A) To speak (B) Spoke (C) Speaking (D) Speak
- The mother kept _____ her baby until she fell asleep.
(A) rock (B) to rock (C) rocking (D) rocked

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 **Instruction:** Add an appropriate non-finite verb (infinitive / gerund / participle) to complete each sentence.

1. The teacher encouraged us _____ harder for the exam.
2. _____ in the park every evening is good exercise.
3. The baby was scared after _____ a loud noise.
4. She forgot _____ her umbrella at home again.
5. The man tried _____ the heavy box but failed.
6. My brother enjoys _____ video games on weekends.
7. The team practiced _____ the new song before the event.
8. The girl was happy _____ her lost puppy.
9. We decided _____ the mountain during vacation.
10. _____ new things helps us learn faster.
11. He promised _____ us tomorrow morning.
12. The artist continued _____ even though it was raining.
13. _____ quietly is important during the assembly.
14. The boy stopped _____ a drink of water.
15. They planned _____ a picnic near the lake.
16. The man avoided _____ the truth about the accident.
17. The teacher reminded them _____ their homework.
18. The woman looked tired after _____ all day.
19. The farmer loves _____ fresh fruits from his garden.
20. We are excited _____ our grandparents this weekend.

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 **Instruction:** Rewrite each sentence using the correct non-finite verb form.

- I enjoy to swim in the river.

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- She likes to playing piano in the evening.

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- The man decided go home early.

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- We planned visiting our cousins tomorrow.

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- The teacher told them to studies hard.

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- The baby started to cries when she saw the dog.

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- They refused to helps the new student.

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- He admitted to cheat in the exam.

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- She promised helping her friend later.

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- he farmer stopped to works in the rain.

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- I forgot bring my notebook to class.

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- he boy enjoys to draw cartoons.

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- They began to talks about their vacation plans.

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