

13. В таких обстоятельствах он не мог не заняться политикой,
14. Когда зазвонил телефон, я занимался переводом статьи.
15. Стоит отложить рассмотрение этого вопроса.
16. Я не могу привыкнуть к жизни в городе.
17. Тебе будет трудно получить американскую визу.
18. Стоит подумать о том, чтобы попробовать другие методы.
19. Нельзя оспорить тот факт, что английский язык стал языком международного общения.
20. Бессмысленно искать причины его ухода из политики.

VII. Some verbs may be followed either by the Gerund or the Infinitive without any changes in the meaning:

*attempt, authorise, can't stand / can't bear, decline, intend, begin, start, continue, fear, prefer • \*, deserve, forbid, love, like (=enjoy)*

\*The verb 'prefer' is used on the following pattern:

*prefer doing sth to doing sth*

*prefer to do sth rather than do sth*

e.g. *In my spare time I prefer reading a book to watching TV.*

or *In my spare time I prefer to read a book rather than watch TV.*

**Exercise 76**

**Work in pairs. Find out about your partner's likes, dislikes and preferences in the way of relaxing.**

*Use the verbs and expressions hate, enjoy, don't mind, can't stand, prefer to rate the following activities:*

playing cards	dreaming	doing the shopping
learning languages	reading	doing sport
visiting museums	going to nightclubs	studying in the library
lying on the beach in the sun	going for walks	playing computer games

b. When **Speaking about** preferences begin as follows:

1. My favourite way of relaxing is ...
2. Another way I relax is by ...
3. In my opinion, the best way of dealing with stress is ...
4. When I am in a blue mood I prefer... rather than ...
5. I believe ... is a good way of making new friends.

VIII. The use of either the Gerund or the Infinitive after some verbs may change the meaning of the sentence\*

Compare the examples in the chart and translate them into Russian.

	V+ -ing	V+ To Infinitive
Forget, remember	refers to a completed action: <i>/ remember meeting him two years ago. I'll never forget visiting him in the mission.</i>	implies uncompleted action: <i>Remember to switch off the light. - I never forget to do it.</i>
Try	implies experimenting to see the effect: <i>Try walking in my shoes; you'll see what I feel.</i>	implies an effort to do sth difficult; <i>/ tried to reach him on the phone. *ne but failed.</i>
Mean	implies an activity involving or leading to doing sth: <i>Going to university means working hard, but yet it does not mean forgetting about the pleasures of life.</i>	implies <b>Intention</b> or wish to do <i>Sony, I didn't mean to hurt you They meant to finish their report by the end of the month.</i>
Regret	implies a past activity: <i>/ regret sending the letter; I should never have done that.</i>	implies feeling sorry to announce some bad news: <i>We regret to inform you that...</i>
Stop	Gerund implies finishing an action completely: <i>Stop saying nonsense!</i>	Infinitive implies finishing an action in order to do another one: <i>He stopped to light a cigarette.</i>