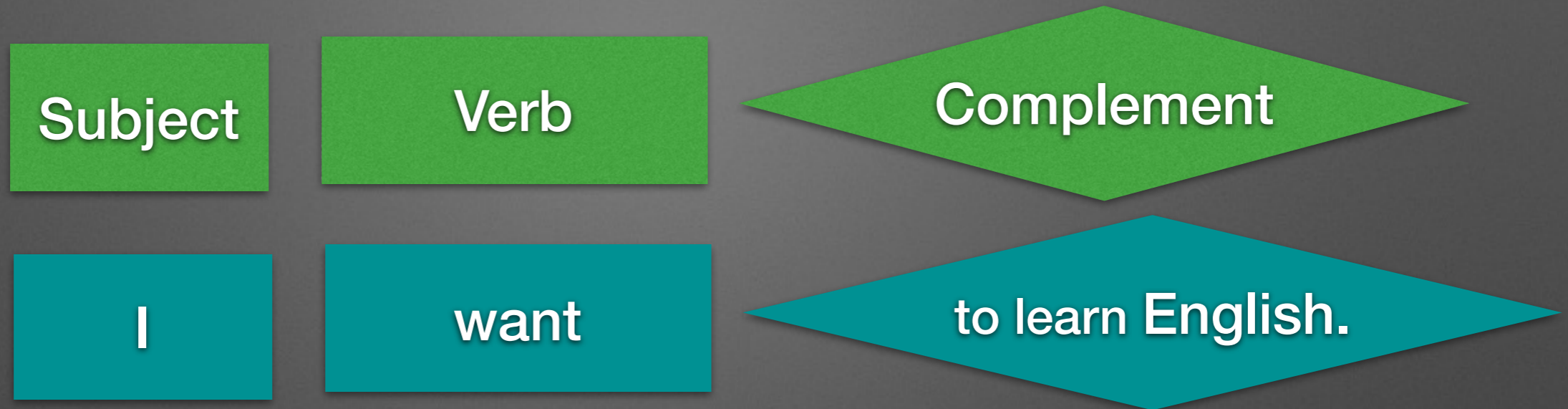


INFINITIVES

&

GERUNDS

INFINITIVES



INFINITIVES ARE FORMED BY: **to + verb**

Infinitives are not the main verb of the sentence. They are used as complements.

INFINITIVES

RULES

1. Verbs that require infinitive

2. to be + adjective

3. after where, how, when, which, etc

4. to express purpose

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Affirmative
Form

It

is

important to be polite.

Negative
Form

It

is

important **not to be** late.

RULE 1: VERBS THAT NEED INFINITIVE

This year, I decided...

Next summer, we plan...

He promised...

Don't forget...

RULE 2: TO BE + ADJECTIVE

amazing

scary

exciting

interesting

important

RULE 3: QUESTION WORDS

I don't know how ...

I am deciding where...

I can't think of what....

RULE 4: INFINITIVE OF PURPOSE

I am studying

People exercise

GERUNDS

Subject

Verb

Complement

I

love

taking my dog for a walk.

GERUNDS ARE FORMED BY: **verb -ing**

Gerunds are not the main verb of the sentence. They are used as complements.

GERUNDS

RULES

1. Verbs that require gerunds

2. Subject of the sentence

3. After prepositions

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Affirmative
Form

I

am

good at **reading**.

Negative
Form

I

hate

not arriving on time.

RULE 1: MAIN VERB

verbs of
emotion

verbs of
reason

other verbs:
spend (time), feel like

RULE 2: SUBJECT

Cooking...

Reading...

Rock climbing...

Watching my favorite TV shows...

RULE 3: AFTER PREPOSITIONS

I am good at....

I am bad at....

HOW TO DECIDE

?

Infinitive

Gerund

1. Look at the verb
2. Look at the structure
3. Identify the pattern or use
4. Identify if there are any key words (question words, prepositions, etc.)

Remember: Do not translate!!! We have different uses for the gerund.