

Gerunds after prepositions

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with prepositions + gerunds (-ing forms). _____

Example:

My dad is used up early. (get)

My dad is used to getting up early.

My brother is good (dive)

I'm not very keen computer games. (play)

I have no objection the football match tonight. (watch)

She is afraid her boyfriend. (lose)

We are fed nothing all the weekend. (do)

I'm tired in the queues at the airports. (wait)

We had difficulty the way to the museum. (find)

Are you interested your professional career? (build)

There's no point an old car. (buy)

I disapprove in restaurants. (smoke)

We are happy a new house. (have)

My daughter dreams a film star. (become)

John can't cope unemployed. (be)

Sarah is thinking to Greg's place. (move)

The children were accused the window. (smash)

Answer key

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My brother is good at diving.

I'm not very keen on playing computer games.

I have no objection to watching the football match tonight.

She is afraid of losing her boyfriend.

We are fed up doing nothing all the weekend.

I'm tired of waiting in the queues at the airports.

We had difficulty in finding the way to the museum.

Are you interested in building your professional career?

There's no point in buying an old car.

I disapprove of smoking in restaurants.

We are happy about having a new house.

My daughter dreams of | about becoming a film star.

John can't cope with being unemployed.

Sarah is thinking of | about moving to Greg's place.

The children were accused of smashing the window.

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Gerunds after phrasal verbs

Exercise 2

Use the words in brackets to respond to the following situations. _____

Example:

Do you mind queues? (not care for | stand)

I don't care for standing in queues.

Have you seen the film? (look forward | to see)

No, I haven't. But I am it tonight.

How did you get rid of the dogs? (leave off | bark)

Fortunately, they

Why didn't Jack do his homework? (put off | do)

He his homework till he fell asleep.

Have you ever played darts? (take to | play)

Of course, I have. I them a couple of years ago.

Let's go to the zoo on Sunday. (be against | keep)

I'm sorry. I wild animals in cages.

Are you going to take the driving test again? (give up | get)

Yes, I am. I would never my driving licence.

Why were you so angry with Matt? (keep on | shout)

I wanted to talk to him, but he just at me.

Are you going on holiday next week? What are you going to do with your cats? (see about | feed)

Our neighbour promised that she would them.

Did your daughter enjoy her birthday party? (end up | cry)

Not at all. Her best friend didn't come and she

I am told that Sarah split up with her boyfriend last week. (go on | pretend)

Yes, she did. She couldn't that everything was fine with all his affairs.

Answer key

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No, I haven't. But I am looking forward to seeing it tonight.

Fortunately, they left off barking.

He put off doing his homework till he fell asleep.

Of course, I have. I took to playing them a couple of years ago.

I'm sorry. I am against keeping wild animals in cages.

Yes, I am. I would never give up getting my driving licence.

I wanted to talk to him, but he just kept on shouting at me.

Our neighbour promised that she would see about feeding them.

Not at all. Her best friend didn't come and she ended up crying.

Yes, she did. She couldn't go on pretending that everything was fine with all his affairs.

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Verbs followed by gerund

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. _____

complain become sell play cheat eat lie tell work get leave write do wake have
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He admitted on the test.

You should avoid so much meat.

Please, consider your house if you need money.

I detest up when it's dark outside.

She denied the taxi without paying.

I enjoyed on the beach all day.

My sister fancies a pop star.

We finished our essays before noon.

The job in the supermarket involved at night.

I don't mind homework. Ha, ha.

My colleague kept all the time. It was annoying.

I took my umbrella. I didn't want to risk wet.

She practised the piano all day.

I really appreciate your advice.

She couldn't resist us what she'd found out.

Answer key

Exercise 3

He admitted cheating on the test.

You should avoid eating so much meat.

Please, consider selling your house if you need money.

I detest waking up when it's dark outside.

She denied leaving the taxi without paying.

I enjoyed lying on the beach all day.

My sister fancies becoming a pop star.

We finished writing our essays before noon.

The job in the supermarket working at night.

I don't mind doing homework. Ha, ha.

My colleague kept complaining all the time. It was annoying.

I took my umbrella. I didn't want to risk getting wet.

She practised playing the piano all day.

I really appreciate having your advice.

She couldn't resist telling us what she'd found out.

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Expressions followed by gerund

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with expressions in the box. ___

spend my time	have a hard time	it's no use	can't stand	it's no good
can't help	it is worth	have fun	waste no time	have no problem

I waiting in queues. It's so annoying.

We laughing when we watch our kittens playing.

..... crying over spilt milk.

It isn't so costly. buying.

..... telling him. He won't listen.

My colleagues trying to escape from traffic jams in rush hours.

We always dancing with each other. We like it so much.

They getting to work. They always arrive on time.

I tidying my bedroom every Saturday. But I don't mind.

When I come to the beach I putting sun cream on my skin.

Answer key

Exercise 4

I can't stand waiting in queues.

We can't help laughing when we watch our kittens playing.

It's no use crying over spilt milk.

It is worth buying.

It's no good telling him.

My colleagues have a hard time trying to escape from traffic jams in rush hours.

We always have fun dancing with each other.

They have no problem getting to work.

I spend my time tidying my bedroom every Saturday.

When I come to the beach I waste no time putting sun cream on my skin.

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