



Gerunds

A gerund (verb + ing) acts like a noun in a sentence.

- Seeing is believing.
- Running a marathon is not an easy thing to do.
- Watching TV is sometimes harmful.
- Eating is always fun.
- My hobby is painting.
- She loves babysitting her sister.
- I like listening to music.
- I wasted all my afternoon by taking a nap.
- I am afraid of singing a song on a stage.

Often, a possessive noun or pronoun comes before a gerund.

- I hope that you don't mind my using your pen.
- Don't be mad about my leaving early.
- I don't want you misunderstanding.
- You will be amazed by my writing.

Go + Gerunds

"Go" is most often used with an activity that is in gerund form. "Go" is in the present tense. The past tense for "go" is "went".

Go + Gerunds - Present Tense

- I like to **go swimming**.
- I want to **go camping**.
- I have to **go shopping**.
- I prefer to **go hiking**.
- I asked to **go fishing**.
- Let's **go skiing**.



Go + Gerunds - Past Tense

Go in the present tense	Go in the past tense
I go swimming every morning.	I went swimming this morning.
I go jogging in the afternoon.	I went jogging this afternoon.
I go camping with my family.	I went camping last weekend.
I go shopping every Saturday.	I went shopping yesterday.
I go hiking alone.	I went hiking alone.
I go fishing at the lake.	I went fishing at the lake.

Verbs Followed by Gerunds

Gerunds are verbs that end in "-ing". They should not be confused with present participles. Although present participles are verb forms that end in "-ing", they are active action words that are happening right now. Gerunds are verb forms that act as nouns in a sentence with no reference to time.

When a gerund follows a verb, it is acting as a noun form.

Verbs	Gerunds
Enjoy	Swimming
Practice	Golfing
Hates	Exercising
Likes	Skiing
Need	Cleaning
Miss	Traveling
Love	Dancing



- I **enjoy swimming**.
- I **practice golfing** every morning.
- She **hates exercising** after work.
- He **likes skiing** with his friends.
- The bathroom **needs cleaning**.
- We **miss traveling** around the world.
- They **love dancing** together.

Adjectives followed by Gerunds

Adjectives are words that describe or modify nouns. Prepositions are words that link a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to some other part of the sentence. Prepositions can be tricky for English learners. There is no definite rule or formula for choosing a preposition. "To", "of", "about", "with", "for", and "from" are most commonly used between adjectives and gerunds.

Adjective + Preposition + Gerund

Adjective	Preposition	Gerund
Committed	To	Marrying
Scared	Of	Flying
Excited	About	Camping
Satisfied	With	Coming
Responsible	For	Planning
Tired	From	Working

- Mike is **committed to marrying** his girlfriend.
- Jessica is **scared of flying**.
- My children are **excited about camping**.
- I am **satisfied with coming** in second place.
- Mary is **responsible for planning** the party.
- We are **tired from working** all day.



Nouns followed by Gerunds

Nouns name a person, place, thing, or idea. Prepositions are words that link a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to some other part of the sentence. Prepositions can be tricky for English learners. There is no definite rule or formula for choosing a preposition. "About", "of", "in", "on", "to" and "for" are most commonly used between nouns and gerunds.

Noun + Preposition + Gerund

Noun	Preposition	Gerund
Dedication	To	Volunteering
Benefits	Of	Exercising
Story	About	Climbing
Delay	In	Processing
Reputation	For	Drinking
Report	On	Smuggling

- Her **dedication to volunteering** is unmatched.
- The **benefits of exercising** is high.
- His **story about climbing** Mount Everest is unbelievable.
- The **delay in processing** her application caused her to worry.
- His **reputation for drinking** caused many problems.
- The **report on smuggling** was very interesting.

Practice Questions

Directions: Write in the correct answers.

1) People should read the article about recycling.

Noun combination: _____

Gerund: _____



2) The thief's reason for stealing is ridiculous.

Noun combination: _____

Gerund: _____

3) Her reaction to losing was classy.

Noun combination: _____

Gerund: _____

4) Her opinions on disciplining children was offensive to some people.

Noun combination: _____

Gerund: _____

5) His love of dancing is amusing.

Noun combination: _____

Gerund: _____

6) Her beliefs in maintaining her cultural heritage is important.

Noun combination: _____

Gerund: _____

Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) His _____ driving causes him much anxiety.

- a. fear of
- b. fear to
- c. fear from

2) Her _____ shopping caused problems in her marriage.

- a. addiction from
- b. addiction to



c. addiction about

3) His _____ renovating homes is over 20 years.

- a. experience in
- b. experience about
- c. experience from

4) Her _____ fostering orphans is admirable.

- a. love about
- b. love on
- c. love for

5) His _____ escaping is a lie.

- a. story in
- b. story for
- c. story about

6) The _____ kidnapping is scary.

- a. news report on
- b. news report for
- c. news report with

Quiz 1 Answers

- 1) article about, recycling
- 2) reason for, stealing
- 3) reaction to, losing
- 4) opinions on, disciplining
- 5) love of, dancing
- 6) beliefs in, maintaining

Quiz 2 Answers

- 1) a. fear of
- 2) b. addiction to
- 3) a. experience in
- 4) c. love for
- 5) c. story about
- 6) a. news report on



Directions: Write in the correct answers.

1) I am bored with studying.

Adjective combination: _____

Gerund: _____

2) She is dedicated to exercising.

Adjective combination: _____

Gerund: _____

3) He is guilty of trespassing.

Adjective combination: _____

Gerund: _____

4) They are known for singing.

Adjective combination: _____

Gerund: _____

5) We were worried about losing the fight.

Adjective combination: _____

Gerund: _____

6) I was hungry from starving all night.

Adjective combination: _____

Gerund: _____

Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) He is capable _____ winning the game.

a. to



- b. of
- c. from

2) Linda is anxious _____ starting a new career.

- a. from
- b. to
- c. about

3) The singer is famous _____ being rude.

- a. from
- b. to
- c. for

4) They are happy _____ knowing the outcome.

- a. with
- b. to
- c. from

5) My brother is addicted _____ gambling.

- a. for
- b. to
- c. about

Quiz 1 Answers

- 1) bored with, studying
- 2) dedicated to, exercising
- 3) guilty of, trespassing
- 4) known for, singing
- 5) worried about, losing
- 6) hungry from, starving

Quiz 2 Answers

- 1) b. of
- 2) c. about
- 3) c. for
- 4) a. with
- 5) b. to



Directions: Write in the correct answers.

1) He keeps breaking the law.

Verb: _____

Gerund: _____

2) I like listening to music.

Verb: _____

Gerund: _____

3) I enjoy drawing as a hobby.

Verb: _____

Gerund: _____

4) She likes shopping at the mall.

Verb: _____

Gerund: _____

5) My parents dislike smoking.

Verb: _____

Gerund: _____

Directions: Is the word ending in "-ing" a gerund or a present participle?

1) I am helping my mother.

- a. gerund
- b. present participle

2) He is jumping on a trampoline.

- a. gerund



b. present participle

3) They keep breaking the law.

a. gerund

b. present participle

4) They are breaking the law.

a. gerund

b. present participle

5) She is flying a kite.

a. gerund

b. present participle

6) We enjoy watching TV.

a. gerund

b. present participle

7) She loves playing with her dog.

a. gerund

b. present participle

8) I enjoy working from home.

a. gerund

b. present participle

9) I need counseling for my son.

a. gerund

b. present participle

10) She is bringing a blanket to the park.

a. gerund

b. present participle



Quiz 1 Answers

- 1) keeps, breaking
- 2) like, listening
- 3) enjoy, drawing
- 4) likes, shopping
- 5) dislike, smoking

Quiz 2 Answers

- 1) b. present participle
- 2) b. present participle
- 3) a. gerund
- 4) b. present participle
- 5) b. present participle
- 6) a. gerund
- 7) a. gerund
- 8) a. gerund
- 9) a. gerund
- 10) b. present participle

Directions: Select the correct sentence.

- 1) a. I liking to surf.
b. I like to surfing.
c. I like to go surfing.
d. I like surf.
- 2) a. I need shopping.
b. I need to go shopping.
c. I needing shopping.
d. I need to shopping.
- 3) a. I want to go dancing.
b. I want to dancing.
c. I wanting to dance.
d. I want dance.
- 4) a. Let's sightseeing.
b. Let's go sightseeing.
c. Let's go to sightseeing.
d. Let's going to sightsee.
- 5) a. I hate to bowling.
b. I hating bowling.



- c. I hate bowl.
- d. I hate to go bowling.

Directions: Rewrite each sentence in the past tense form.

1) I go sailing.

2) I go scuba diving.

3) I go mountain climbing.

4) I go sledding.

5) I go jogging.

Quiz 1 Answers

- 1) C
- 2) B
- 3) A
- 4) B
- 5) D

Quiz 2 Answers

- 1) I went sailing.
- 2) I went scuba diving.
- 3) I went mountain climbing.
- 4) I went sledding.
- 5) I went jogging.



Fill in the blanks.

- 1) I enjoy _____ (draw) as a hobby.
- 2) She likes _____ (buy) clothes.
- 3) Children are fond of _____ (play) with water.
- 4) _____ (dance) is my favorite thing to do.
- 5) I am upset at his _____ (break) the rule.

Answers:

- 1) drawing
- 2) buying
- 3) playing
- 4) Dancing
- 5) breaking