

GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

1 THEORY: PART 1

Task: Read the theory about gerunds.

GERUNDS	
Verbs followed by gerunds	
1. Consider 2. Finish 3. Miss 4. Enjoy 5. Avoid 6. Quit	• I considered moving to Spain. • I finished working at 20:00. • I miss walking on the beach. • I enjoy hiking in the forest. • I avoid making mistakes by being attentive. • I quit working for that company years ago.
Verbs followed by a preposition and gerund	
a. Feel like b. Worry about c. Believe in d. Talk about e. Think about f. Plan on	• I feel like going to the movies tonight. • Sometimes I worry about losing my job. • I believe in working hard. • We always talk about going to France. • He thinks about quitting his job. • I plan on becoming the CEO.



2 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Task 1: Complete the sentences by using the -ing form of the verbs from the box.

spend move procrastinate write see interrupt

1. She is considering **moving** to a new city for a fresh start.
2. After hours of hard work, he finally finished **writing** his novel.
3. I will miss **seeing** you every day when you move away.
4. They enjoy **spending** their weekends hiking in the mountains.
5. Please avoid **interrupting** the meeting.
6. John finally quit **procrastinating** and started working on his assignment.

Task 2: Complete the sentences by using the -ing form of the verbs from the box.

miss pursue relax visit follow go

- a. After a long day at work, I feel like **relaxing** with a good book.
- b. He is worried about **missing** his flight.
- c. He believes in **following** his passions.
- d. During the family dinner, we talked about **going** to Paris this summer.
- e. I often think about **pursuing** a new career path to challenge myself.
- f. We plan on **visiting** the art museum this Saturday.



3 THEORY: PART 2

Task: Read the theory about infinitives.

INFINITIVES	
Verbs followed by infinitives	
- Choose - Hope - Agree - Need - Decide - Want	- We'll choose to sell the house. - I hope to see you soon. - They agreed on working together. - He needs to finish his work. - I decided to buy a new car. - We want to move to another house.
Verbs followed by objects and infinitives	
- Allow - Ask - Teach - Invite - Warn	- We allow the dogs to sleep on our bed. - We asked them to bring the dessert. - I teach my class how to draw and paint. - They will invite their friends to come to the party. - We should warn her to stay away from him.



4 FIX THE MISTAKES

Task: Can you find and correct any errors in the sentences below?

Be careful; not all of the sentences contain mistakes.

1. He always chooses **to** walk home.
2. They agreed to **meet** at the coffee shop later.
3. She decided **to** pursue a career in medicine after finishing college.
4. Do you want to **join** us for dinner tonight?
5. They allow their children to **stay** up late on weekends.
6. She will ask her friend **to** help with the project.
7. He wants to **teach** his nephew how to ride a bike.
8. We should invite them to **come** to the party next Saturday.
9. The lifeguard will warn swimmers not to **go** too far from the shore.
10. She always chooses to **wear** the blue dress to the party.
11. They finally agreed to go on a road trip together.
12. She needs to decide whether to **study** abroad or stay home.
13. Do you want to **try** the new restaurant in town tonight?
14. She hopes to travel to Paris next year.
15. We need to **buy** groceries for the week.



5 THEORY: PART 3

Task 1: Read the theory about gerunds and infinitives.

GERUNDS & INFINITIVES	
Verbs followed by gerunds or infinitives (sentence meaning stays the same)	
• Begin • Start • Continue • Like • Love • Hate	• They began working / They began to work. • It will start raining / I will start to rain. • I will continue working / I will continue to work. • He likes cooking / He likes to cook. • She loves fishing / She loves to fish. • We hate driving / We hate to drive.
Verbs followed by gerunds or infinitives (sentence meaning changes)	
• Forget • Remember • Try	• Forget working at that company - they are unethical. I forgot to bring the wine. • I remember living in Buenos Aires when I was young. Did you remember to bring the key? • She tries getting along with everyone. I will try to come to the party tonight.

Task 2: Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

work	study	hike	wait	read	swim
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1. She began **to study / studying** for her exams early in the morning.
2. He started **to work / working** on his novel last month.
3. They continued **to hike / hiking** even though it started raining.
4. I like **to read / reading** mystery novels in my spare time.
5. She loves **to swim / swimming** in the ocean during the summer.
6. I hate **to wait / waiting** in long lines at the grocery store.

Task 3: Discuss how gerunds and infinitives can be used in each of the sentences above. Can you create six of your own sentences using the same verbs?

6 QUIZ

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct answer.

1. My dog really enjoys _____ to the park.
 a. **going**
 b. to go
 c. both options are correct.

2. She started _____ very quickly when she saw the bear.
 a. to run
 b. running
 c. **both options are correct.**

3. They like _____ basketball at the park.
 a. playing
 b. to play
 c. **both options are correct.**

4. Do you feel like _____ out to a bar for a beer?
 a. **going**
 b. to go
 c. both options are correct.

5. My friend doesn't want _____ to work because he is sick.
 a. going
 b. **to go**
 c. both options are correct.

6. I miss _____ to the beach and watching the sunset.
 a. **going**
 b. to go
 c. both options are correct.

7. I don't like _____ scary movies.
 a. watching
 b. to watch
 c. **both options are correct.**

8. Tom wants _____ lasagna tonight.
 a. cooking
 b. **to cook**
 c. both options are correct.



9. We decided _____ the red car.
 - a. buying
 - b. to buy**
 - c. both options are correct.

10. I invited my friends _____ to my birthday party.
 - a. coming
 - b. to come**
 - c. both options are correct.

11. I enjoy _____ some time to myself. I like to read and watch series.
 - a. having**
 - b. to have
 - c. both options are correct.

12. My brother asked me _____ him move.
 - a. helping
 - b. to help**
 - c. both options are correct.

13. After a few more hours, it continued _____.
 - a. snowing
 - b. to snow
 - c. both options are correct.**

14. We agreed _____ our house for a cheaper price.
 - a. selling
 - b. to sell**
 - c. both options are correct.

15. I love _____ in my free time.
 - a. painting
 - b. to paint
 - c. both options are correct.**

16. They need _____ their plans.
 - a. discussing
 - b. to discuss**
 - c. both options are correct.



7 GERUNDS USED AS SUBJECTS

Complete the sentences by using the -ing form of the verbs from the box.

cook	learn	fly	shop	find	smoke	sleep
drink	cycle	eat	swim	spend	watch	drive

1. **Eating** lots of fruits and vegetables are necessary to stay healthy.
2. **Drinking** responsibly is important when you're at a social gathering.
3. **Driving** in heavy rain requires extra caution.
4. **Watching** series in English can help you with your listening skills.
5. **Learning** about different animals is very interesting.
6. **Smoking** is not allowed inside the restaurant.
7. **Finding** a cheap restaurant in New York City isn't easy.
8. **Sleeping** eight hours at night is essential for daily concentration.
9. **Swimming** is great exercise.
10. **Spending** too much time on your cellphone is bad for your eyes.
11. **Shopping** is my favourite activity.
12. **Cooking** is a great way to relax after a long day at work.
13. **Flying** makes me nervous.
14. **Cycling** to work is a great way to get some exercise.



8 GERUNDS USED AS OBJECTS

Complete the sentences by using the -ing form of the verbs from the box.

dance	cook	drive	read	draw	clean
paint	swim	hike	cycle	surf	shop

- Joana bought a new bicycle. She enjoys **cycling**.
- My husband hates **cooking**. I always have to prepare dinner.
- I swim every weekday at the gym. I like **swimming**.
- I don't like **drawing** because I'm no good at it.
- I hate **driving** because I don't like cars.
- She enjoys **painting**. She is very artistic.
- We go to the salsa club every Friday. We love **dancing**.
- If she likes **surfing**, she should visit Cape Town - the waves are great!
- They live near mountains. So they often go **hiking**.
- I hate **cleaning**, but I like a clean house.
- If you like **reading**, you should read the Harry Potter Series.
- Amy is excited to go to the new shopping mall. She loves **shopping**.



9 QUESTION ROUND

Task: Answer the questions below, using the gerunds and infinitives in your answers.

- Although you could answer some with yes or no, try to expand on each answer.
- Study how gerunds and infinitives are used in each question.

1. Do you like going to the beach?
2. What is the next travel destination you'd like to go to?
3. Do you think that swimming is good exercise?
4. Who in your family likes cooking?
5. What is the next book that you would like to read?
6. Have you ever tried surfing?
7. Is hiking a popular hobby in your country?
8. Do you think sleeping eight hours a night is necessary?
9. How often do you go shopping for clothes? Do you like it?
10. Are you afraid of flying in an aeroplane?
11. Have you ever considered moving to a different city or country?
12. What activities or hobbies do you enjoy doing in your free time?
13. What do you usually feel like eating when you're in a good mood?
14. What do you plan on achieving in the next five years of your life?
15. What's something you've always wanted to learn or master?

