Lesson 3: Gerunds

1. A gerund acts as a noun and can be used:
   i. before a verb (as a subject)
      • Swimming is suitable for everyone.
   ii. after a verb (as an object)
      • For the sake of good health, you need to start jogging every day.
   iii. after a preposition (as an object)
      • Peter is fond of playing tennis.

2. We use a gerund with the following prepositions to talk about different things.

   1. *by*: the way of doing something
      - I built up my muscles by going to the gym every day.
   2. *for*: the use of something
      - I have a stack of towels for wiping my sweat.
   3. *before* or *after*: the time of doing something
      - I was very slim before starting sumo.
      - After becoming a sumo wrestler, I've been gaining weight every day.

We can put a gerund after these prepositions.

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<th>Preposition</th>
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<td>We went to Osaka</td>
<td>by taking a plane.</td>
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<td>We were exhausted</td>
<td>after playing basketball.</td>
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Exercise 1
Complete the sentences with a gerund. The verbs in the box below may help you.

make  tell  chew  play  search  shop  paint  rain
learn  smoke  take  go  travel  have  sightsee

1. Please help me searching the new book.
2. Ra
ning is one of the causes of landslide.
3. Don't you know smoking can cause many disease.
4. They don't like going to the party.
5. My grandma prefers having a new watch as her birthday present.
6. I hate taking any written test.
7. Don't keep making noise in the library.
8. They suggested playing the videotape in the banquet.
9. Holly loves chewing gum.
10. The girls went shopping yesterday.
11. Learning a foreign language is hard work.
12. John went sightseeing with his friend when he was in Japan.
13. We all believe in searching telling the truth.
14. Joey is very keen on painting. She wants to become an artist when she grows up.
15. Lawrence is afraid of traveling by plane.

Exercise 2
Arrange the following words in correct order to make sensible sentences.

1. house / I / holiday / spend / cleaning / my / the / .
   
   I spend my holiday cleaning the house

2. satisfying / other / Helping / . / people / be / can / very
   
   Helping other people can be very satisfying

3. The host did not mind him coming late
4. receiving / She / disturbing / it / junk / finds / mails
   She finds receiving junk mails disturbing.

5. collecting / The / action figures / of / are / children / fond /.
   The children are fond of collecting action figures.

6. games / wasted / He / too / time / much / playing / on / computer
   He wasted too much time on playing computer games.

7. pastime / Reading / favourite / my / novels / is
   Reading novels is my favorite pastime.

8. hearing / forward / I / to / from / soon / look / you
   I look forward to hearing from you soon.

9. quitting / Joseph / considering / job / is / his
   Joseph is considering quitting his job.

10. playing / not / like / Danny / badminton / does
    Danny does not like playing badminton.

11. time / Daydreaming / of / classes / waste / a / during / is / your /.
    Daydreaming during classes is a waste of time.

Exercise 3
There is/are mistake(s) in the following sentences. Underline the mistake(s) and rewrite the sentences in the space provided.

1. It is useless cry over spit milk.
   Crying

2. Mary wants to watch TV after wash dishes.
   Washing

3. Mom insisted on go with me.
   Going

4. Sharon looks forward to receive the reply from her husband.
   Receiving
5. Playing the piano is one of Sally's hobbies.

6. Laura is tired of explaining things to her father.

7. My father is a mechanic. He enjoys fixing home appliances.

8. My classmate Tim is very good at running.


10. You can make better cookies by adding some more butter.

11. Paul was caught for stealing other people's mobile phone in the station.