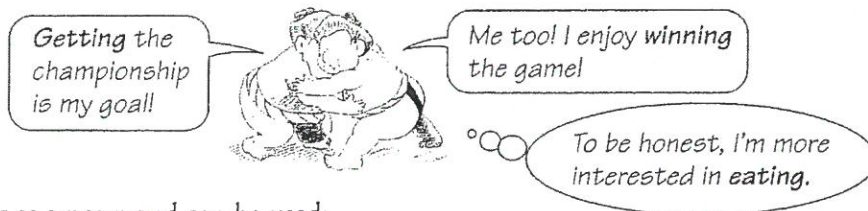


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S2 Summer Foundation Course - English Grammar Exercise

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Lesson 3: Gerunds

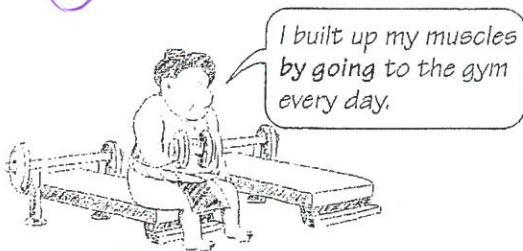


1. A gerund acts as a noun and can be used:

- 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



2. **for**: the use of something



3. **before or after**: the time of doing something



We can put a gerund after these prepositions.

	Preposition	Gerund	
<i>We went to Osaka</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>taking</i>	<i>a plane.</i>
<i>and finishing his homework</i>	<i>using</i>	<i>playing</i>	<i>basketball.</i>
<i>We were exhausted</i>	<i>after</i>	<i>swimming</i>	<i>for a whole morning.</i>

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. Raining 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 ~~st~~ satisfying

3. mind / / host / The host / did / not / mind / him / coming / late

The host did not mind him coming late

★ 4. receiving / She / disturbing / . / it / junk / finds / mails

She finds ~~receiving~~ ^{it disturbing} ~~junk mails~~ ^{receiving} ~~disturbing~~ junk mails.

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

The children are ~~very~~ 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 ~~is~~ ^{is} during ^{your} 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 crying over spit milk.

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

3. Mom insisted on going go with me.

4. Sharon looks forward to receiving receive the reply from her husband.

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.

9. Johnson lost weight by quitting eating sweets.

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.
