

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Grammar Exercises: gap-fill, sentence completion

Focus

Gerunds and infinitives

Aim

To practice or review gerunds and infinitives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This useful verb patterns worksheet helps students to practice or review gerunds and infinitives.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students begin with a gap-fill exercise where they complete sentences with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. uploading | 5. to eat | 9. visiting |
| 2. to help | 6. teaching | 10. to turn off |
| 3. to sit | 7. flying | 11. to learn |
| 4. looking | 8. crying | 12. to cook |

After that, students move on to choose the correct gerund or infinitive forms in a set of sentences.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. missing | 5. working | 9. to adopt |
| 2. to understand | 6. watching | 10. not to go |
| 3. sharing | 7. going | |
| 4. to drive | 8. waiting | |

Lastly, students use gerunds and infinitives to complete sentences with true information about themselves.

When the students have finished, review their sentences together as a class and give feedback.

A. Complete the sentences with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I finished (upload) the videos. I emailed them to you.
2. I'd be happy (help) you study for your final exams.
3. I chose (sit) at the back of the theatre. It's not as noisy there.
4. I'm thinking about (look) for a new job with a better salary.
5. I love (eat) sandwiches at lunchtime.
6. I enjoy (teach) people to play the guitar. It's rewarding.
7. I'm afraid of (fly) but I have to travel to Brazil for a wedding.
8. I felt like (cry) after I listened to that song. It's nostalgic.
9. I'm planning on (visit) my parents for a week before I leave.
10. I forgot (turn off) the oven. I need to go home right now.
11. I hope (learn) Spanish this year as I'm moving to Chile.
12. It's very difficult (cook) Beef Wellington.



B. Choose the correct gerund or infinitive form.

1. I can't stand *missing* / *to miss* an episode of Game of Thrones.
2. It's easy *understanding* / *to understand* why he got lost in this city.
3. I hate *sharing* / *to share* a dessert. Why don't you get your own?
4. I learned *to drive* / *driving* with my father. My mother had no patience.
5. I don't mind *to work* / *working* on Sundays because I get paid extra.
6. I spent all evening *watching* / *to watch* a documentary about planet Earth.
7. I've stopped *to go* / *going* to the gym while my knee is healing.
8. I'm tired of *to wait* / *waiting* in traffic jams. I'm going to buy a bicycle.
9. I want *to adopt* / *adopting* a Labrador puppy from the rescue centre.
10. I decided *not going* / *not to go* to the birthday party in the end.

C. Complete the sentences below with true information about yourself.

1. I hate
2. I enjoy
3. I finished
4. I can't stand
5. I feel like
6. I don't mind
7. I'm tired of
8. I'm interested in
9. I need
10. I want