

**Activity Type**

Reading and writing activity

**Language Focus**

Gerunds and infinitives

**Aim**

To learn and practice commonly used gerund and infinitive forms.

**Preparation**

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

**Level**

Pre-intermediate (A2)

**Time**

20 minutes

**Introduction**

This engaging verb patterns worksheet helps students to learn and practice commonly used gerund and infinitive forms.

**Procedure**

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students begin with two gap-fill exercises where they complete sentences with gerunds and then infinitives.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. cooking 2. watching 3. working 4. helping 5. reading

Exercise B - Answer key

1. to play 2. to study 3. to sell 4. to drive 5. to buy

Next, the students complete sentences with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. to study 2. to meet 3. going 4. to visit 5. playing  
6. waiting 7. to eat 8. cleaning 9. to play 10. tidying

Lastly, students use their own ideas to complete sentences with gerunds and infinitives from the worksheet.

When the students have finished, go through their sentences together as a class and provide feedback.

**A. Fill in the gaps with the gerund form of these verbs: watch, help, cook, work, read**

1. We like ..... dinner for our family.
2. I hate ..... horror movies alone.
3. She enjoys ..... with children.
4. My brother doesn't mind ..... me.
5. We finished ..... the book as homework.

**B. Fill in the gaps with the infinitive form of these verbs: buy, play, drive, sell, study**

1. I would like ..... tennis tomorrow.
2. She wants ..... Spanish next year.
3. They decided ..... their house.
4. I learned ..... when I was 17.
5. You need ..... a ticket to go inside.

**C. Fill in the gaps with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.**

1. We need ..... (study) a lot before the geography exam on Friday.
2. She would like ..... (meet) her friend for lunch in a restaurant.
3. Sean and Elizabeth enjoy ..... (go) for walks on the beach every day.
4. He wants ..... (visit) the Eiffel Tower when he goes to France.
5. Frank and Sarah love ..... (play) the guitar in the evenings.
6. They don't mind ..... (wait) in the queue for ice cream.
7. We decided ..... (eat) pasta with tomato sauce for dinner.
8. I hate ..... (clean) the kitchen.
9. She learned ..... (play) the piano when she was a child.
10. The children finished ..... (tidy) their bedrooms.



**D. Use your own ideas to complete the sentences below with gerunds and infinitives.**

1. I like .....
2. I love .....
3. I would like .....
4. I don't mind .....
5. I want .....
6. I need .....
7. I enjoy .....
8. I learned .....
9. I finished .....
10. I decided .....