

Gerunds after prepositions

Reading: A,B,C, or D?

Do you get excited about having new challenges? Are you fond of competing in games or competitions? Do you complain about having to wait in lines? Are you easily bored with doing routine activities? Then, you are probably a Type A personality.

Do you look forward to going to parties or other social events? Are you good at telling stories or jokes? Are you interested in having a career that involves working with lots of different people? Then you may be a Type B.



Do you care about having all the facts and insist on getting the details right? Do you like to be responsible for organizing information or events? Do you worry about making mistakes? You are probably a Type C.

Finally, do you feel happy about doing repetitive activities? Are you capable of following instructions and sticking to routines? Do you object to making changes in the way you do things? Those are traits of the Type D personality.

Of course, the truth is that most people are a combination of two or more personality types, but we may have more traits of one type than of all the other.

Grammar

The gerund looks like a verb, but it actually acts as a noun.

Gerund as a verb: I go swimming in the summer.

Gerund as a noun: Swimming is my favorite sport.

Prepositions

Prepositions are short words (on, in, to) that usually stand in front of nouns (sometimes also in front of gerund verbs).

Even advanced learners of English find prepositions difficult, as a 1:1 translation is usually not possible. One preposition in your native language might have several translations depending on the situation.

There are hardly any rules as to when to use which preposition. The only way to learn prepositions is looking them up in a dictionary, reading a lot in English and learning useful phrases off by heart.

Check out: <https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/prepositions>

Complete the table with the phrases from the text.

Verb + preposition + gerund	Adjective + preposition + gerund
complain about having	excited about having

Think

What's your personality type?

What's your best friend's personality type?

Are you anything alike?

Practice

Complete the sentences with the correct preposition and the gerund form of the verb in parentheses. Then, answer the questions.

- a) Do you care _____ (use) correct grammar when you speak English, or you are more interested _____ just _____ (communicate)?
- b) Do you object _____ (have) to wait in lines or in the phone?
- c) Are you fond _____ (tell) stories and jokes or are you more interested _____ to other people talk?
- d) Do you get excited _____ (compete) in games or sports?
- e) Do you get bored _____ (do) repetitive activities, or do you feel happy _____ (do) routine activities?
- f) Do you look forward _____ (learn) to do new things, or do you worry _____ (make) mistakes if you have to do something new?

g) Do you enjoy being responsible _____ (organize) things or do you prefer to follow other's instructions?

h) Are you capable _____ (concentrate) on very detailed information for a long period of time?

Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B+CGRx43nls&ab_channel=PracticalPsychology

Practice some more

<https://es.liveworksheets.com/of1226271qr>

Now you do it

Invent a personality type. Use gerunds after prepositions. (Minimum 5 questions/sentences and a conclusion).

Example

Do you care about maintaining a fit figure? Are you capable of following tutorials? You might be a personality Type E.