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Lost Cities

Discover Grammar

A Listen and read. 09

The Lost City of the Cloud People

One day, a group of villagers were in the mountains of Peru. They loved exploring the rainforest and discovering new things. Suddenly, they heard a sound like water. There wasn't a lake near them. Perhaps there was a river. They found a path and started walking along it. They went a long way, but they didn't mind feeling tired. They were curious about the sound. Suddenly, they came out of the rainforest and saw a beautiful place. There was a huge waterfall, and lots of flowers and plants. They found ruined buildings, statues, and rock paintings. It was a lost city, and it was over 1,000-years-old. Historians and archeologists soon came and began exploring the city. What was this mysterious place? At last, they finished digging and examining the ruins. And then they understood that this was the home of the Chachapoya tribe. Chachapoya means "Cloud People". Today, people from all over the world enjoy visiting the lost city of the Cloud People.

B Read again. Circle eight verbs that end in *-ing*. Underline the verbs that come before them.

C Number the sentences in the correct order.

- _____ They heard a noise and started walking along a path.
- _____ Historians and archeologists began to explore the city.
- 1 One day, a group of villagers decided to explore the rainforest.
- _____ Many visitors enjoy visiting the lost city and learning about the Cloud people.
- _____ When they finished examining the city, they understood it was the home of the Cloud people.
- _____ When they stopped walking, they found a lost city.

Learn Grammar

A Read and learn.

Verbs Followed by Gerunds

Gerunds are verb forms that can act like a noun. Gerunds end in *-ing*. Some verbs are often followed by a gerund, such as *don't mind, like, enjoy, practice, finish, love,* and *prefer*.

Affirmative

They loved exploring the rainforest.
verb gerund



Negative

They didn't mind feeling tired.
verb gerund

Questions

Do you prefer exploring ruins or reading books?
verb gerund gerund

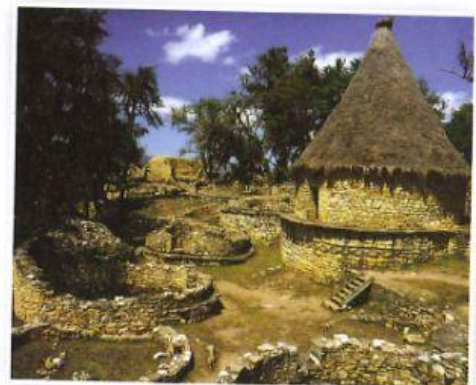
Some verbs can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive. These verbs include *begin, like,* and *prefer*.

They began *exploring* the area.

They began *to explore* the area.

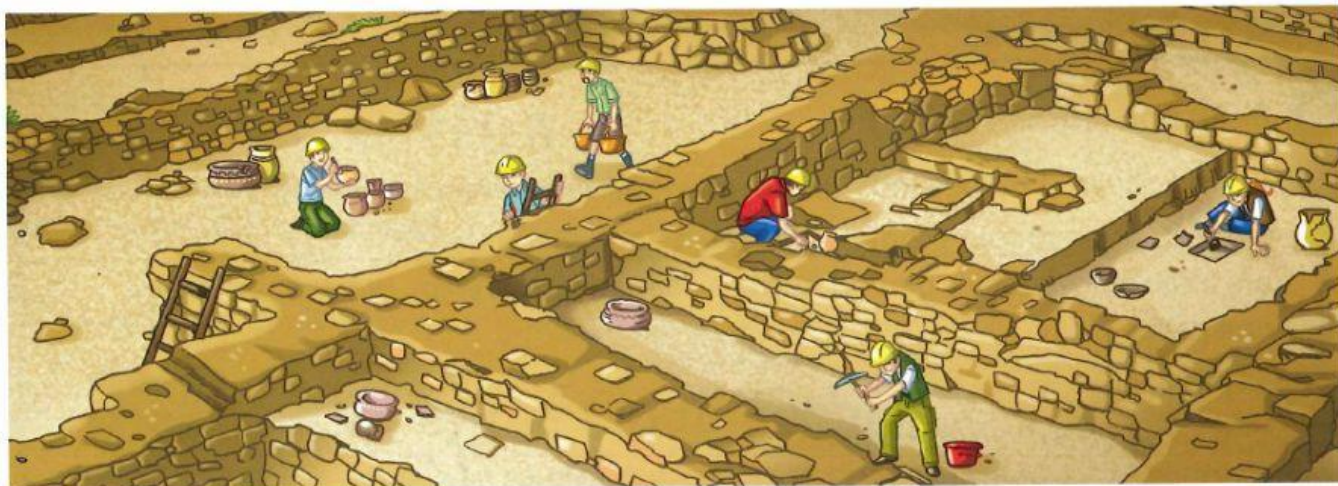
B Check the sentences with a gerund.

- 1 The villagers enjoyed exploring the rainforest. ☐
- 2 Some of them started feeling tired. ☐
- 3 A few people wanted to go home. ☐
- 4 The others preferred to continue. ☐
- 5 They agreed to walk along the path. ☐
- 6 They didn't mind feeling tired when they saw the lost city. ☐



C Complete the sentences with the gerund form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 People started _____ (come) to the lost city of the Cloud People.
- 2 Visitors liked _____ (look) at the rock paintings.
- 3 Art students practiced _____ (draw) them.
- 4 Children enjoyed _____ (play) in the ruins.
- 5 Archeologists began _____ (dig) in the rocks.
- 6 The villagers loved _____ (tell) their story.



D Circle the correct words.

Charlie is ten-years-old.

- 1 He enjoys **learning** / **to learn** about history.
- 2 He doesn't enjoy **reading** / **to read** boring books!
- 3 He wants **being** / **to be** an archeologist one day.
- 4 He sometimes practices **digging** / **to dig up** rocks on the beach.
- 5 He hopes **visiting** / **to visit** an ancient city one day.
- 6 Yesterday, he finished **reading** / **to read** a book about the Lost City of Atlantis.

E Complete the sentences with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in parentheses.

Charlie is now twenty-two-years-old. What did he do?

- 1 Charlie finished _____ (study) history in college.
- 2 He wanted _____ (find) a job.
- 3 He liked _____ (travel) around the world.
- 4 He decided _____ (go) to Peru.
- 5 He enjoyed _____ (visit) the ancient cities.

F Listen and complete the interview. 10

Interviewer Do you like ¹ _____ as an archeologist?

Charlie Yes, I do. And I love ² _____ in Peru.

Interviewer What are you planning ³ _____ next?

Charlie I'd like ⁴ _____ the Lost City of Atlantis.

Interviewer Is Atlantis a real place?

Charlie I don't know. But I'd enjoy ⁵ _____ to find it!

G Act it out.

H Complete the text with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in parentheses.

The Lost Island of Atlantis

Plato was a writer. He lived in ancient Greece. He wrote about an amazing island called Atlantis. This is the story.

Many smart people lived on the Island of Atlantis. They wanted ¹ _____ (have) the best island in the world. And they didn't mind ² _____ (work) hard. Some of them liked ³ _____ (build) beautiful palaces and houses. Others preferred ⁴ _____ (look) after animals and ⁵ _____ (have) farms. There were fields and mountains all over the island. There were rivers, too. It was a beautiful place, and people enjoyed ⁶ _____ (live) there. They managed ⁷ _____ (live) peacefully and happily together.

But then, one day, the island disappeared! What happened? Was there a terrible storm? Was there a volcano? Did it disappear under the sea? Is the story real, or is it only a myth? Many people would like ⁸ _____ (find) out! Scientists are trying ⁹ _____ (find) this ancient city. They hope ¹⁰ _____ (solve) the mystery of Atlantis by using satellites and new underwater technology.



Let's Talk!

I Talk with your partner about your likes, dislikes, preferences and hopes. Use the phrases in the box.

I enjoy ... I don't mind ... I love ... I hope ...
I don't like ... I'd like to ...

I enjoy playing football.

I don't mind taking the dog for a walk.

Module 2 Review

A Complete the sentences with the infinitive form of the verbs in the box.

visit be work send travel

- 1 I want _____ an explorer one day.
- 2 I plan _____ around the world.
- 3 I need _____ hard at school.
- 4 I'd like _____ Peru.
- 5 I promise _____ you a postcard.

B Complete the sentences with the gerund form of the verbs in the box.

read look come watch go

- 1 My dad loves _____ films about archeology.
- 2 My mom prefers _____ history books.
- 3 I love _____ for information about exploring.
- 4 I really like _____ to museums.
- 5 My sister doesn't mind _____ either.

C Check the correct sentences. Cross out the wrong sentences.

- 1 My brother wants to be an archeologist. ☐
- 2 He enjoys to learn about dinosaurs and things like that. ☐
- 3 He began doing a project on dinosaurs at school. ☐
- 4 There was a documentary on TV, but he forgot watching it. ☐
- 5 My parents promised taking him to the Museum of Natural History. ☐
- 6 One day, he'd like to discover some dinosaur bones. ☐

D Complete the text with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in parentheses.

Hi Kate,

I'm having a great time in Mexico with my family, but we all want
1 _____ (do) different things! My sister enjoys 2 _____ (shop)
and 3 _____ (eat) in restaurants. My parents want 4 _____
(go) sightseeing. I'd also like 5 _____ (visit) more ancient places.
Yesterday, we agreed 6 _____ (drive) to Teotihuacan. It was
amazing! There are mysterious and ancient pyramids there. I'd love
7 _____ (see) Palenque next, but that's a long way away.
Bye for now! Maria



Exam Time

E Choose the correct words to complete the text. Write them on the lines.

1	explore	to explore	exploring	6	begin	began	to begin
2	finding	find	to find	7	to promise	promised	promising
3	enjoyed	enjoying	to enjoy	8	go	to go	going
4	move	moved	moving	9	tell	telling	to tell
5	mind	minds	to mind	10	examining	examine	examined

The Lascaux Cave Paintings

In 1940, four French boys and their dog

- 1 decided _____ near their village. People said there were secret caves and tunnels in the
- 2 woods, and the boys wanted _____ them.
- 3 The boys walked for a long time, but they _____ exploring and were very happy. Suddenly, their dog found a mysterious hole. Was it a cave? The boys
- 4 begun _____ plants and stones from the hole. Then they climbed in.
- 5 They were in a group of caves. It was dark, but the boys didn't _____ that
- 6 because they were too excited! They _____ looking around the different caves. Suddenly, they saw some amazing paintings of animals on the walls. They couldn't believe it!
- 7 At first, they _____ to keep the caves secret. They didn't want people
- 8 _____ there. But the paintings were too important. So, they agreed
- 9 _____ their teacher about them.
- 10 Later, historians and scientists visited the caves and began _____ the paintings. They were thousands of years old.



Extra

F Write true sentences. Use the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 I enjoy ... (learn + school subject)
- 2 My best friend doesn't like ... (play + sport)
- 3 My brother / sister hates ... (listen + name of singer/band)
- 4 I want ... (go + place)
- 5 I'd like ... (buy + object)

I enjoy learning English.