THE -ing form

The -ing form is used

as a noun, e.g. **Swimming** keeps you fit.
Walking is a good form of exercise.

usually after the verbs **like, love, dislike, hate, enjoy, prefer** to express general preference. e.g. Helen likes watching old films on TV. She likes going for long walks.

after prepositions e.g.
He left **without saying** goodbye.
I'm tired **of going** to work by bus every morning.



after the verb **go** when we talk about activities.
e.g. We usually **go skiing** at the weekends.

after certain verbs
(**consider, avoid, deny, look forward to, confess to, fancy, involve, mention, risk, spend, mind, regret, admit, suggest, imagine**, etc.)

after the expressions: **be busy, It's no use, It's no good, It's (not)worth, what's the use of ....? there's no point in, can't help, can't stand, be\get used to, have difficulty in.**
It's no use waiting for the bus. It won't come. Father is busy repairing the car.

Quizlet

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Gerund or Infinitive – Fill in the correct form

1.They are likely _____ up at any time. (show)
2. The man denied _____ the crime. (commit)
3. Their memories of _____ in Africa will stay with them forever. (travel)
4. He has always been afraid of _____. (fly)
5. _____ is good for your health. (swim)
6. Would you mind _____ me the sugar. (pass)
7. She promised _____ the report as soon as possible. (read)
8. I had a hard time _____ the situation to my husband. (explain)
9. She had some problems _____ without glasses. (read)
10. Paul gave up _____ five years ago. (smoke)
11. What about _____ to the zoo tomorrow? (go)
12. Barca _____ in winning the Spanish championship. (succeed)
13. They had fun _____. (ski)
14. My friend was happy _____ me at the party. (see)
15. He was ashamed _____ that he had lied. (admit)
16. It was very kind of you _____ me. (help)
17. She always wastes her time _____ bad books. (read)
18. We had no problem _____ from the airport to the train station. (drive)
19. She hadn't expected this task _____ so difficult. (be)
20. It's no use _____ a taxi. We'll be late anyway. (take)

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct infinitive form or the -ing form

1) It's no use .....(talk) to Bob; he won't change his mind

2) She will ..... (return) the books next weekend.

3) It was good of you .....(help) me fix my bicycle.

4) The man suggested .....(call) the police in, to investigate.

5) I can't get used to. ..... (live) in such a hot country.

6) He admitted ..... (rob) the bank.

7) You had better ..... .(hurry), or you'll be late for work.

8) They refused .....(give) me my money back.

9) She is too short .....(become) a fashion model.

10) My parents let me .....(stay) up late at weekends

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