GRAMMAR Uses of verb + *-ing*

1 **Correct the spelling of the *-ing* form where necessary.**

1 I am *writting* to apply for a job in your company. _____
2 I keep *forgeting* to send you that photo from our holiday. _____
3 Do you admit *useing* the answer key when you do your homework? _____
4 *Running* is very good exercise. _____
5 He spends a lot of time *studing* in his bedroom. _____
6 What are you *planing* to do when you leave school? _____
7 Which TV documentary are you *referring* to? _____
8 My uncle, *beeing* a keen sportsman, is very fit. _____

2 **Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form of the verbs in the box.**

apply	arrive	do	feel	move
play	try	wait	watch	work

1 Stella's been _____ as a waitress in this café for most of the summer.
2 _____ for summer jobs is not my idea of fun, but I have to do it!
3 Dan spends a lot of time _____ on his Xbox when he should be studying.
4 Our football coach, _____ to get us to train harder, offered to buy us all burgers and chips if we won the match.
5 Why do you always insist on _____ ten minutes early for every class?
6 I don't really enjoy _____ reality TV shows, but everyone at school talks about them.
7 Jodie's mother is thinking of _____ to Canada to work as a translator.
8 I haven't been _____ very well recently, so I haven't done any work on the project.
9 _____ for the bus in the freezing cold, Jack decided it was time to get himself a new bike.
10 I don't mind _____ exercise in the gym, but I'd rather go out for a long walk by the river.

3 **Complete the sentences about you. Use the *-ing* form of a verb.**

1 Sometimes I dream about _____
2 I can't live without _____
3 I'm looking forward to _____
4 I don't enjoy _____
5 I've been _____ for years.
6 _____ makes me feel ill.

4 **Correct the mistakes in the sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.**

1 I write this letter to say thank you for your hospitality. _____
2 Everyone panicked and started running towards the exit. _____
3 I don't mind to work hard and I feel good when I use my time efficiently. _____
4 I would prefer working with animals instead of helping in an office. _____

VOCABULARY Word pairs

1 **Make eight word pair phrases.**

1 more		less
2 round		over
3 more	and	later
4 sooner	or	two
5 now		then
6 one		more
7 up		round
8 over		down

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____

2 **Choose word pairs from Exercise 1 to replace the bold words.**

1 I enjoy going out for a meal **occasionally**. _____
2 There are **approximately** 100 employees in this company. _____
3 It's getting **increasingly** difficult to find a job these days. _____
4 The temperature has been **rising and falling** all summer – I never know what to wear! _____
5 Keep trying – I'm sure you'll find what you want **eventually**. _____
6 We are having **a few** problems with the new system, but it's OK on the whole. _____
7 We tried **repeatedly** to call you, but you never answered. _____
8 I cycled **continuously in circles in** the park this afternoon, so now I'm exhausted! _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS