

## GRAMMAR

### Uses of verb + -ing

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

- I am *writting* to apply for a job in your company. \_\_\_\_\_
- I keep *forgeting* to send you that photo from our holiday. \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you admit *useing* the answer key when you do your homework? \_\_\_\_\_
- Running* is very good exercise. \_\_\_\_\_
- He spends a lot of time *studing* in his bedroom. \_\_\_\_\_
- What are you *planing* to do when you leave school? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which TV documentary are you *referring* to? \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

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

- Sometimes I dream about \_\_\_\_\_
- I can't live without \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't enjoy \_\_\_\_\_
- I've been \_\_\_\_\_ for years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ makes me feel ill.

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

- I write this letter to say thank you for your hospitality. \_\_\_\_\_
- Everyone panicked and started running towards the exit. \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't mind to work hard and I feel good when I use my time efficiently. \_\_\_\_\_
- 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  |

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 2 Choose word pairs from Exercise 1 to replace the bold words.

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