

GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

- 1 ★ Complete the table with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs.

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Gerund (verb + -ing)

As a subject	<u>Exploring</u> the moon in 1969 was an amazing thing to do.
After prepositions	The scientists worked all night without ¹ .
After some verbs	I can't imagine ² on another planet.

Infinitive (verb + to)

To show purpose	The astronomers used a big telescope ³ at the new planet.
After adjectives	Doctors say it won't be easy ⁴ a cure for the terrible virus.
After some verbs	The astronauts have planned ⁵ scientific experiments in space.

- 2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs.

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Creating a new invention often takes a long time.

- the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London, is a good way to learn about the stars.
- It's important all new products carefully in a design laboratory.
- Daniel turned on the TV a documentary about new technology.
- food with a lot of sugar and fat can be bad for you, according to scientific studies.
- My sister intends an engineering course at college this September.
- Can you imagine on the moon?
- I'm interested in that new underwater camera, but it's expensive.
- Are you planning to that podcast about designing and inventing products?



- 3 ★★ Complete the product review with the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.

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The SOCCKET – the ball that makes electricity

WHAT IS THE SOCCKET?

Firstly, it's a ball you can use for playing (play) football, but it's also interesting ¹ (know) that it makes electricity, too! After ² (kick) the ball to your friends for thirty minutes, you can have enough electricity ³ (keep) a lamp working for two to three hours!



Who designed the SOCCKET?

Jessica O. Matthews designed the ball at Harvard University. She wanted ⁴ (create) a product ⁵ (help) make electricity in poor communities.

What are the advantages of the invention?



It's easy ⁶ (use) and it's a clean method of ⁷ (produce) electricity. ⁸ (use) the ball is especially fun for children – they can practise ⁹

(score) goals with friends, and then see how much electricity they've made.



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- 4 ★★★ Imagine you want to get a job in science, technology or medicine. Complete the text with the ideas in the box, or your own, and the gerund or infinitive form of the verbs.

be a sound engineer / use latest technology / work with musicians / study sound engineering / find a job / meet famous people / create fantastic music

be a doctor / help people / work in a hospital / study medicine / work in a children's hospital / help children to get better / work with interesting people

One day, I'd like ¹
because I enjoy ²
and I want ³
After ⁴
I plan ⁵
I can imagine ⁶
and also ⁷

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