

# Gerunds

Intermediate 2

## Practice



1. Complete the sentences with the gerund form of the verbs from the box.

walk - help - give up - wake up - hear - find - fix - watch - work - live

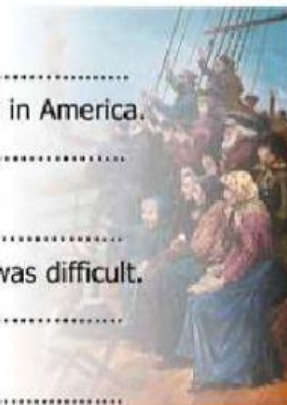
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1. I'm tired of \_\_\_\_\_ nothing but bad news. I wish there was some good news sometimes.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ too much TV is bad for your eyes.
3. I'll repair your watch for you. I'm good at \_\_\_\_\_ things.
4. Did you know that \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the best forms of exercise?
5. My children are afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark, so we keep a light on at night.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a good job these days is really difficult.
7. Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ me. I really appreciate it.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ in a big city can be very stressful.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ smoking is easy. I've done it lots of times.
10. I saved a lot of money by \_\_\_\_\_ overtime.



2. Change the words in parentheses to the gerund form.

1. They hated (spend) long weeks on the overcrowded ships.  
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2. Some couples postponed (get) married until one of them had a job in America.  
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3. The new immigrants couldn't help (worry) about money and work.  
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4. They continued (believe) in their dreams even though the voyage was difficult.  
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5. Some of the immigrants regretted (leave) their countries.  
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### 3. Fill in the blanks with the gerunds. Use the verbs in parentheses.

When Rose and Ann started their ice cream business in 1995, they had three goals.  (earn) a living was one of these goals. Another was  (have) fun. The third goal was  (give) something to the people in their community.  (reach) their third goal was very important to Rose and Ann. In the beginning, ice cream was the only thing they had.  (offer) free ice cream to people were the only way Rose and Ann could give to the community. Now Rose and Ann's is a very successful ice cream business.  (help) the community is still important to Rose and Ann.  (not/give) back to the community means  (not/be) a responsible business.

### 4. By using a gerund, complete the sentences. Use a suitable verb.

1. I appreciate.....able to study in peace and quiet.
2. Tony mentioned.....the bus to school instead of walking.
3. I wanted to go to England. Liz suggested.....to Hawaii.
4. Would you mind.....the door? Thanks.
5. I enjoy.....a long walk every morning.