

Grammar

Adjective + preposition + gerund

They were **committed to studying** radioactivity.
She is **famous for becoming** the first woman to win a Nobel Prize.

Subject + verb	Adjective + preposition	+ gerund
She became	famous for	winning a Nobel Prize.
We were	afraid of	being late.
Isaac Newton is	remembered for	discovering gravity.
Are you	interested in	going to this concert?
They weren't	happy about	exploring the island.



In English there are lots of pairs of adjectives and prepositions. There aren't any rules for these; you simply have to learn them! Make a note of these pairs and their meanings in your notebook.

I'm **worried about** getting bad grades on my tests.
I'm **scared of** being alone at night.
Who is **responsible for** breaking the window?

Think

Choose the correct alternatives.

A gerund is **a verb / an adverb** that acts like **a noun / an adjective**.

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1 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective + preposition pair in the box.

famous for responsible for worried about
remembered for interested in scared of

Usain Bolt is **famous for** running very fast.

- He doesn't want a jacket. He isn't getting cold.
- Nelson Mandela is becoming the first black South African president.
- We're walking through the big, dark forest.
- I'm studying architecture when I'm older.
- You are cleaning your room!

Comparative and superlative adverbs

They could look at injuries **more easily than** before.
Marie Curie has become **best** known for her work in the treatment of cancer.

Adverb	Comparative form	Superlative form
hard	harder	hardest
loud	louder	loudest
easily	more easily	most easily
slowly	more slowly	most slowly

Think

Choose the correct alternatives.

Adverbs describe how we do things.

We can put **than** **before / after** a comparative adverb.

We put **the** **before / after** a superlative adverb.

Well and *badly* have irregular comparative and superlative forms: *better*, *best*, *worse*, and *worst*.

2 Choose the correct alternatives.

Who runs **faster** / **fastest**: you or your sister?

- Juliano is more intelligent than me, but I study **harder** / **hardest** than him.
- We traveled **further** / **furthest** in one day than we expected to.
- There are lots of amazing guitarists, but I think Gilberto Gil plays the **more beautifully** / **most beautifully**.
- Selena Gomez and Pink have strong voices, but Adele sings the **better** / **best**.

3 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative forms of the adverbs in the box.

hard easily loud fast quietly slowly

Please play your music **more quietly**. I'm trying to sleep.

- Grandma is walking than usual because she hurt her leg.
- Who can think of ten sports words the ?
- If you use a pop socket, you can take selfies .
- She is a great politician. She works than a lot of other politicians!
- My sister is the noisiest person in our family. She definitely shouts the .

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