

## Grammar Practice - The Gerund

Here are some verbs and expressions that are followed by the gerund (V+ING)

Of	With	In
Instead <b>of</b> A good way <b>of</b> To be afraid <b>of</b>	To be happy <b>about</b> To be sorry <b>about</b>	To be interested <b>in</b> To succeed <b>in</b>
At	With	On
To be good/excellent <b>at</b> To be bad/awful <b>at</b>	To be fed up <b>with</b> To get bored <b>with</b>	To be keen <b>on</b> To concentrate/focus <b>on</b>

1. Complete the sentences with the correct verb or expression for the table above.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ **losing** my smartphone.
- My sister \_\_\_\_\_ **playing** the piano. She takes lessons 5 times a week!
- Astronomy is fascinating. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ **knowing** all about the stars and planets.
- Stop dreaming and \_\_\_\_\_ **finishing** your exercise.
- Yesterday, I watched TV \_\_\_\_\_ **attending** online classes.
- Hello Ms Querton, I \_\_\_\_\_ **cheating** on your test.
- "Why is she smiling so much?" "She \_\_\_\_\_ **winning** the lottery."
- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ **talking** on the phone so much because he prefers chatting by video.

### 2. Gerund as a subject

Read the sentence and use the gerund of the appropriate verb.

To find	To study	To drive	To cycle	To eat
To learn	To cook	To listen	To make	To smoke

- \_\_\_\_\_ is one of her hobbies. She prepares meals every day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is fun and it's a good exercise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to classical music is a good way to relax.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a parking space is quite difficult in this area.

- e. \_\_\_\_\_ a car with your feet seems impossible, but Jessica Cox can do it.
- f. No \_\_\_\_\_ in this public space Please do it outside.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ your lessons help you get good grades.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ fruits and vegetables is good for your health.
- i. \_\_\_\_\_ fun of other people is not nice.
- j. \_\_\_\_\_ about other cultures makes people more tolerant.

3. **Complete with the gerund** (= -ing form) of the verb, and one of these prepositions where necessary.

Before	After	Without	For	By
Avant (de)	Après	Sans	Pour	En

- a. Alarm clocks are \_\_\_\_\_ people up. (to wake)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep, I set my alarm clock. (to go)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ sheep can help you fall asleep. (to count)
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ a meal is easy if you follow a recipe. (to cook)
- e. I often feel sick \_\_\_\_\_ a big meal. (to eat)
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ movies in English is a good idea. (to watch)
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ to your teacher, you cannot understand the instructions. (to listen)
- h. Jessica always gets dressed \_\_\_\_\_ her make-up (to do).

4. **Write about yourself. Complete these sentences with activities.**

- a. I like \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ .
- c. I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ .
- d. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ .
- e. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ .

*rather than : plutôt que*