

Upgrade Your Vocabulary

"Once you find something you love to do, be the best **at doing it**."

TIP

The **ing form** must be used in verbs that come after a preposition.

1 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- a I've advised you **against** _____ (smoke) in here.
- b She's good **at** _____ (speak) in public.
- c I went home **after** _____ (leave) the party.
- d You can improve your English **by** _____ (use) the internet.
- e I'm tired **of** _____ (hear) excuses.
- f Why don't you have something hot to drink **before** _____ (go) to bed?
- g She's always dreamed **about** _____ (travel) by plane.
- h She was promoted **for** _____ (get) new accounts.
- i **Besides** _____ (be) a doctor, he also writes books.
- j I'm looking forward **to** _____ (meet) you.

2 Complete the sentences below with the prepositions in the box.

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- a I'm tired of waiting _____ him.
- b He left the classroom _____ finishing the exercise.
- c Denise prevented me _____ buying that useless device.
- d All of us were familiar _____ the place, so we didn't get lost.
- e We're playing _____ the champions next Saturday.
- f My parents arrived late _____ the airport, so they couldn't depart.
- g Come and sit _____ me.
- h There has been an increase _____ 20% in this month's sales.
- i Leave your books here _____ you start the test.
- j Why don't you come _____? It's too cold outside.
- k Let's talk _____ that later.
- l I walked _____ the beach, sat, and read for hours.
- m _____ my daughter, I have no family.
- n Go _____ the stairs and take the ball.
- o _____ now on, you should arrive earlier.