

2 Circle the best form of the word for each sentence.

- a She passed the English exam because of all her hard *work / working* through the year.
- b He spent five years *studies / studying* Chinese.
- c I spoke Spanish every day during my *visit / visiting* to Madrid.
- d *Work / Working* with people from different countries is really interesting.
- e During the interview, they asked him about his *studies / studying*.
- f *Visit / Visiting* a country is a great way to practise the language.

We can use the *-ing* form to talk about an activity, e.g. *studying, working, visiting*.

Studying at home is difficult because I share a room with my brother.

But there is often a separate noun form that we use in other contexts, e.g. *studies, work, visit*.

She has to combine her **studies** with her football training.

Challenge



3 Rewrite the sentences so that they mean the same thing. Use an *-ing* form in every sentence.

- a It was fun to read that book in French.
..... *Reading that book* in French was fun.
- b It can damage your eyes to look at the sun.
..... sun can damage your eyes.
- c It's not easy to learn three languages at the same time.
..... at the same time is not easy.
- d The best way to learn a language is to practise every day.
..... is the best way to learn a language.