

GRAMMAR

Uses of verb + -ing

1 Correct the spelling of the -ing form where necessary.

- I am *writting* to apply for a job in your company. _____
- I keep *forgeting* to send you that photo from our holiday. _____
- Do you admit *useing* the answer key when you do your homework? _____
- Running* is very good exercise. _____
- He spends a lot of time *studing* in his bedroom. _____
- What are you *planing* to do when you leave school? _____
- Which TV documentary are you *referring* to? _____
- My uncle, *beeing* a keen sportsman, is very fit. _____

2 Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verbs in the box.

apply	arrive	do	feel	move
play	try	wait	watch	work

- Stella's been _____ as a waitress in this café for most of the summer.
- _____ for summer jobs is not my idea of fun, but I have to do it!
- Dan spends a lot of time _____ on his Xbox when he should be studying.
- Our football coach, _____ to get us to train harder, offered to buy us all burgers and chips if we won the match.
- Why do you always insist on _____ ten minutes early for every class?
- I don't really enjoy _____ reality TV shows, but everyone at school talks about them.
- Jodie's mother is thinking of _____ to Canada to work as a translator.
- I haven't been _____ very well recently, so I haven't done any work on the project.
- _____ for the bus in the freezing cold, Jack decided it was time to get himself a new bike.
- I don't mind _____ exercise in the gym, but I'd rather go out for a long walk by the river.

3 Complete the sentences about you. Use the -ing form of a verb.

- Sometimes I dream about _____
- I can't live without _____
- I'm looking forward to _____
- I don't enjoy _____
- I've been _____ for years.
- _____ makes me feel ill.

4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.



- I write this letter to say thank you for your hospitality. _____
- Everyone panicked and started running towards the exit. _____
- I don't mind to work hard and I feel good when I use my time efficiently. _____
- I would prefer working with animals instead of helping in an office. _____

VOCABULARY

Word pairs

1 Make eight word pair phrases.

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|----------|-----------|
| 1 more | less |
| 2 round | over |
| 3 more | and later |
| 4 sooner | or two |
| 5 now | then |
| 6 one | more |
| 7 up | round |
| 8 over | down |

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

2 Choose word pairs from Exercise 1 to replace the bold words.

- I enjoy going out for a meal **occasionally**. _____
- There are **approximately** 100 employees in this company. _____
- It's getting **increasingly** difficult to find a job these days. _____
- The temperature has been **rising and falling** all summer – I never know what to wear! _____
- Keep trying – I'm sure you'll find what you want **eventually**. _____
- We are having a **few** problems with the new system, but it's OK on the whole. _____
- We tried **repeatedly** to call you, but you never answered. _____
- I cycled **continuously in circles** in the park this afternoon, so now I'm exhausted! _____