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.

Look!

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.

1 He doesn't want a jacket. He isn't _____ getting cold.
2 Nelson Mandela is _____ becoming the first black South African president.
3 We're _____ walking through the big, dark forest.
4 I'm _____ studying architecture when I'm older.
5 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?

1 Juliano is more intelligent than me, but I study *(harder)/(hardest)* than him.
2 We traveled *(further)/(furthest)* in one day than we expected to.
3 There are lots of amazing guitarists, but I think Gilberto Gil plays the *(more beautifully)/(most beautifully)*.
4 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.

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

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