

EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

A GRAMMAR NOTE 1 Read each sentence based on the reading. Check (✓) Yes if the *-ing* word is a gerund. Check No if it isn't a gerund.

	Yes	No
1. I've long since stopped thinking about friendship in these terms.	☒	☐
2. These are the friends we make by engaging in some specific activity.	☐	☐
3. He belongs to a kayaking club.	☐	☐
4. We enjoy just catching up on each other's activities.	☐	☐
5. I have been kayaking for years.	☐	☐
6. Online friendships are worth pursuing.	☐	☐
7. He was my teacher in a writing class.	☐	☐
8. They have a common interest in running.	☐	☐
9. We are having dinner with another couple next week.	☐	☐
10. I would have a hard time being single again.	☐	☐

B GRAMMAR NOTES 2-4 Read each sentence based on the reading. Underline the gerund. Then write S if the gerund is being used as a subject, O if it is being used as an object, OP if it is the object of a preposition, or C if it is a subject or object complement.

- C 1. I was having trouble finding a subject.
- _____ 2. I remembered learning a rhyme.
- _____ 3. I didn't have a way of getting to the practices.
- _____ 4. My brother's passion is kayaking.
- _____ 5. We can go months without contacting each other.
- _____ 6. Making new friends is sometimes not easy to do.
- _____ 7. My teacher supported my becoming a writer.
- _____ 8. I would have a hard time living without my two "best" friends.



EXERCISE 2 SIMPLE GERUNDS

GRAMMAR NOTES 1-4, 6 Maria Roybal is constantly tired and dissatisfied. She has gone to a doctor to see if there is anything physically wrong with her. Use words from the box to complete the conversation with gerunds. Some words will be used twice.

do	meet	not sing	rest	ski	work
make	not have	not work	sing	socialize	

DOCTOR: Well, Maria, what seems to be the problem?

MARIA: I'm tired all the time. Some nights when I come home from work, I'm so exhausted I don't feel like doing ^{1.} anything but collapsing on the sofa and ^{2.} in front of the TV. Is there anything physically wrong with me?

DOCTOR: No, I've looked at your test results, and you're healthy. How long have you been feeling like this?

MARIA: Oh, two or three months, I guess. Long enough so that I've started to worry about ^{3.} any energy.

DOCTOR: How much are you working?

MARIA: Well, I'm putting in a lot of overtime—all in all, at least 60 hours a week, I'd say.

DOCTOR: Why are you doing this? Are you trying to make yourself sick?

MARIA: Well, at this point, ^{4.} overtime is out of the question. I've got a lot of bills to pay off. The other thing is that my company recently transferred me to the office here, and I hardly know anyone, so my focus is on ^{5.} money right now. I like ^{6.}, but I don't know quite how to go about ^{7.} new people.

DOCTOR: You're not married, then?

MARIA: No, I'm not.

DOCTOR: Well, I think you need to stop ^{8.} so much and start to enjoy yourself a little—to put things in balance. I'd say you need a hobby—and some friends.

MARIA: A hobby? You mean some tiring thing like gardening?

DOCTOR: No. That's an OK hobby if you like it, but I think you need a more social one.

MARIA: Like what?

DOCTOR: Oh, maybe like karaoke. Do you like ^{9.}?

MARIA: I love music, but I don't have much of a voice. Also, I think that ^{10.} at all is better than ^{11.} badly.

DOCTOR: Have you ever gone cross-country ^{12.}?

MARIA: Well, yes. I used to do a lot of cross-country when I lived in Utah. I loved it.

DOCTOR: I have a friend who runs a cross-country ski club. I think there are a lot of people your age in it. I'll give you her cell-phone number.

MARIA: That would be great. Thanks a lot.