Grammar Practice - The Gerund

Here are some verbs and expressions that are followed by the gerund (V+ING)

Of	With	In
Instead **of** A good way **of** To be afraid **of**	To be happy **about** To be sorry **about**	To be interested **in** To succeed **in**
At	**With**	**On**
To be good/excellent **at** To be bad/awful **at**	To be fed up **with** To get bored **with**	To be keen **on** To concentrate/focus **on**

1. Complete the sentences with the correct verb or expression for the table above.
   a. I _____ **losing** my smartphone.
   b. My sister _____ **playing** the piano. She takes lessons 5 times a week!
   c. Astronomy is fascinating. Everybody _____ **knowing** all about the stars and planets.
   d. Stop dreaming and _____ **finishing** your exercise.
   e. Yesterday, I watched TV _____ **attending** online classes.
   f. Hello Ms Querton, I _____ **cheating** on your test.
   g. "Why is she smiling so much?" "She _____ **winning** the lottery."
   h. Tom _____ **talking** on the phone so much because he prefers chatting by video.

2. Gerund as a subject

Read the sentence and use the gerund of the appropriate verb.

To find	To study	To drive	To cycle	To eat
To learn	To cook	To listen	To make	To smoke

a. _____ is one of her hobbies. She prepares meals every day.
b. _____ is fun and it's a good exercise.
c. _____to classical music is a good way to relax.
d. _____ a parking space is quite difficult in this area.

e. _____ a car with your feet seems impossible, but Jessica Cox can do it.

f. No_____ in this public space Please do it oustide.

g. _____ your lessons help you get good grades.

h. _____fruits and vegetables is good for your health.

i. _____ fun of other people is not nice.

j. _____ about other cultures makes people more tolerant.

3. **Complete with the <u>gerund</u>** (= -ing form) of the verb, and one of these <u>prepositions</u> where necessary.

Before	After	Without	For	By
Avant (de)	Après	Sans	Pour	En

a. Alarm clocks are _____ people up. (to wake)

b. _____ to sleep, I set my alarm clock. (to go)

c. _____ sheep can help you fall asleep. (to count)

d. _____ a meal is easy if you follow a recipe. (to cook)

e. I often feel sick _____ a big meal. (to eat)

f. _____ movies in English is a good idea. (to watch)

g. _____ to your teacher, you cannot understand the instructions. (to listen)

h. Jessica always gets dressed _____ her make-up (to do).

4. **Write about yourself. Complete these sentences with activities.**

a. I like _____ .

b. I enjoy _____ .

c. I don't like _____ .

d. I hate _____

e. I prefer _____ rather than_____ .

rather than : plutôt que