

Verb + -ing

enjoy, finish, avoid, mind, plus the spelling rules. 4 exercises + answer key

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

These verbs take -ing: enjoy, finish, avoid, mind, miss, keep, suggest, stop. Also use -ing after prepositions and sentence subjects.

1 Exercise 1 EASY Choose the correct -ing form after each verb.

Word bank: walking / getting / completing / mentioning / opening / studying / seeing / smoking / taking / seeing

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| 1. I enjoy ____ in the park on Sundays. (walk / to walk / walking) | 2. She hates ____ up early. (get / to get / getting) |
| 3. They finished ____ the project. (complete / to complete / completing) | 4. He avoided ____ the difficult subject. (mention / to mention / mentioning) |
| 5. Do you mind ____ the window? (open / to open / opening) | 6. She kept ____ despite all the noise. (study / to study / studying) |
| 7. I miss ____ my family. (see / to see / seeing) | 8. He stopped _____. (smoke / to smoke / smoking) |
| 9. She suggested ____ a walk. (take / to take / taking) | 10. I look forward to ____ you again. (see / to see / seeing) |

2 Exercise 2 MEDIUM Write the correct -ing form of the verb in brackets.

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| 1. She enjoys (swim) ____ in the sea. | 2. He finished (write) ____ the report. |
| 3. I don't mind (wait) ____ a few minutes. | 4. She avoided (make) ____ eye contact. |
| 5. They kept (argue) ____ about nothing. | 6. He misses (live) ____ near the city. |
| 7. I can't help (laugh) ____ at his jokes. | 8. She stopped (run) ____ and caught her breath. |
| 9. Do you enjoy (cook) ____ Italian food? | 10. I look forward to (hear) ____ from you. |

3 Exercise 3 HARD Choose the correct form. Think about prepositions and gerund subjects.

Word bank: Swimming / Learning / dancing / working / going / helping / writing / buying / Cooking / making

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| 1. ____ is great for your health. (Swim / Swimming / To swim) | 2. ____ a foreign language takes time. (Learn / To learn / Learning) |
| 3. She is good at _____. (dance / dancing / to dance) | 4. He is interested in ____ abroad. (work / to work / working) |
| 5. What about ____ for a walk? (go / to go / going) | 6. Thank you for ____! (help / to help / helping) |
| 7. Instead of _____, why don't you call? (write / writing / to write) | 8. I'm thinking about ____ a new car. (buy / to buy / buying) |
| 9. ____ is my favourite hobby. (Cook / To cook / Cooking) | 10. He's not very good at ____ decisions. (make / making / to make) |

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Exercise 4

HARDER

Write the -ing form of the verb in brackets. Watch the spelling!

1. She is (sit) ____ by the window.

3. He stopped (make) ____ excuses.

5. She's (lie) ____ on the sofa.

7. He began (write) ____ the email.

9. She started (forget) ____ things.

2. I am (run) ____ late, so please wait for me!

4. They kept (swim) ____ for an hour.

6. I'm (plan) ____ a surprise party.

8. Are you (travel) ____ alone?

10. I avoid (get) ____ up before 7.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: choose the -ing form

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| 1 walking | 6 studying |
| 2 getting | 7 seeing |
| 3 completing | 8 smoking |
| 4 mentioning | 9 taking |
| 5 opening | 10 seeing |

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write the -ing form

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| 1 swimming | 6 living |
| 2 writing | 7 laughing |
| 3 waiting | 8 running |
| 4 making | 9 cooking |
| 5 arguing | 10 hearing |

3 Exercise 3 Hard: prepositions and gerund subjects

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| 1 Swimming | 6 helping |
| 2 Learning | 7 writing |
| 3 dancing | 8 buying |
| 4 working | 9 Cooking |
| 5 going | 10 making |

4 Exercise 4 Harder: spelling rules

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| 1 sitting | 6 planning |
| 2 running | 7 writing |
| 3 making | 8 travelling |
| 4 swimming | 9 forgetting |
| 5 lying | 10 getting |