

Unit 21: Gerunds

THE PROBLEMS

*Run is good exercise.
I finished read that book.*

Exercise 1: Circle the nouns. Ignore pronouns such as *he*. (There are 8 nouns, including *candy*.)

1. He likes candy.
2. He likes eating.
3. We enjoy music.
4. We enjoy singing.
5. Books are interesting.
6. Reading is interesting.
7. Cigarettes are dangerous.
8. Smoking is dangerous.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answers.

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| 1. In Exercise 1, the verb- <i>ing</i> forms (<i>eating</i> , <i>singing</i> , <i>reading</i> , and <i>smoking</i>) are _____. a) nouns b) verbs c) prepositions |
| 2. When a verb- <i>ing</i> (<i>eating</i> , <i>singing</i> , etc.) is a noun, it is called a _____. a) participle b) verb c) gerund |

Exercise 3: ___1) Look at the pairs of sentences below the box.

___2) In Sentence a, in the blank, write a regular noun from the box.

___3) In Sentence b, in the blank, write a gerund from the box.

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| Regular nouns: | countries music | his car school | voice computer |
| Gerunds: | shouting driving | fixing traveling | studying playing |

1. a) Tom stopped his car.
b) Tom stopped driving.
2. a) My hobby is _____.
b) My hobby is _____ guitar.

3. a) A _____ is hard to fix.
b) _____ a computer is hard.
4. a) I like foreign _____.
b) I like _____.
5. a) _____ makes Jim tired.
b) _____ makes Jim tired.
6. a) His _____ hurts my ears.
b) His _____ hurts my ears.

Exercise 4: Look at the sentences. Answer the question after each.

1. Fishing is a good hobby.

Is the word *fishing* a noun or verb? _____

2. My brother is fishing in the river now.

Is the word *fishing* a noun or verb? _____

3. Waiting makes me nervous.

Is the word *waiting* a noun or verb? _____

4. We were waiting for our plane for four hours.

Is the word *waiting* a noun or verb? _____

5. Joni saw some rabbits while she was hiking.

Is the word *hiking* a noun or verb? _____

6. Joni enjoyed hiking.

Is the word *hiking* a noun or verb? _____

Exercise 5: 1) Write the sentences that your teacher reads to you. (Script after Unit 22.)
 2) Circle the gerunds in the sentences.

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2.

3.

4.

5.

Exercise 6: 1) Write 2 sentences that start with a gerund.
 2) Write 2 sentences about things that you don't like. Use a gerund in each sentence.
 3) Write 2 sentences about things that you enjoy doing. Use a gerund in each sentence.
 4) Write 2 sentences about things that you have stopped doing. Use a gerund in each sentence.

Unit 22: Prepositions and Gerunds

THE PROBLEM

He made some money by work hard.

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answers. To review prepositions, see Unit 12.

1. A gerund is a _____. For example, *running* is a gerund in this sentence: *Running is fun.*
a) noun b) verb c) preposition

2. After a preposition, we put a _____, for example, in this sentence: *On Saturdays, Dan often exercises.*
a) noun b) verb c) preposition

Exercise 2: ____1) Circle the prepositions.

____2) Underline the noun after each preposition.

1. They usually go to school after they finish work.
2. This is a great computer program for learning new English words.
3. My boss gave me a vacation for three days.
4. My boss gave me a vacation for working hard.
5. Ann talked to me about studying.
6. By exercising, Rita got stronger.
7. For my birthday, my parents bought me a car.
8. For winning the game, the team received a trophy.

Exercise 3: Look at the sentences. Choose the correct explanation for each.

1. From eat too much cake, I gained weight.
 - a) This is correct. The noun *eat* is after the preposition *from*.
 - b) This is incorrect. We need a gerund (*eating*) after the preposition *from*.

2. The neighbors got upset at Ken for playing loud music.
 - a) This is correct. The gerund (*playing*) is after the preposition *for*.
 - b) This is incorrect. We need *play* after the preposition *for*.

3. Andy was very tired after drive all night to Seattle.
 - a) This is correct. The noun *drive* is after the preposition *after*.
 - b) This is incorrect. We need a gerund (*driving*) after the preposition *after*.

4. We found the answer by search the Internet.
 - a) This is correct. The noun *search* is after the preposition *by*.
 - b) This is incorrect. We need a gerund (*searching*) after the preposition *by*.

Exercise 4: ___1) If the sentence is correct, write *OK*. (3 sentences are OK, including the first.)
___2) If the sentence is incorrect, write *Not OK* and explain why.

OK ___1. Tran is very good at building bird houses.

Not OK 2. My tutor gave me a dictionary for look up new words.

It needs the gerund “looking” after the preposition “for.”

___3. The mother stopped her child from run into the street.

___4. After live in New York, we moved to Los Angeles.

___5. The policeman gave my brother a ticket for speeding.

___6. By eating good food, we can usually stay healthy.

___7. For save a man’s life, Ann received a medal.

Exercise 5: Write the sentences that your teacher reads to you. (See script below.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Excercise 6: 1) Choose a preposition and a gerund from the box and, below, write a sentence for each pair of words. Use each word only once.
2) You should write 4 sentences.
3) Circle each preposition and its gerund.

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| Prepositions: | about | by | from |
| | after | for | |
| Gerunds: | working | traveling | studying |
| | speaking | playing | |

1. Ken usually takes a nap *after* *playing* basketball.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Unit 21 Ex. 5 (Script)

1. In summer, we enjoy swimming.
2. Watching the rain is a nice thing to do.
3. Sitting in the sun gave me a headache.
4. My sister stopped painting last year.
5. I love babies, but their crying keeps me awake at night.

Unit 22 Ex. 5 (Script)

1. Sara became sick from eating some fish.
2. After winning the lottery, my uncle retired.
3. The man was arrested for stealing some money.
4. After painting, my favorite hobby is photography.