

Unit 4-3

Verbs followed by gerunds (verb + verb-*ing*) Verbs followed by infinitives (verb + *to* + verb)

Exercise 1

Listen and fill in the blanks. (*Listening script is below.*)

Traveling to Exotic Places

Most people ¹ _____ to exotic places. When they go, they ² _____ something unique. If they ³ _____ unusual people, they may feel disappointed. After they ⁴ _____ a new country, they often tell their friends about their experiences. Usually, their friends ⁵ _____ about new places to visit. However, if the place sounds too uncomfortable, their friends may ⁶ _____ to travel there, but they will probably ⁷ _____ there in the future. It's interesting that travelers ⁸ _____ new experiences, but, at the same time, they might ⁹ _____ the usual conveniences of home. For example, if they visit a place that has no electricity, they ¹⁰ _____ without it. Nevertheless, they will probably ¹¹ _____ TV. They ¹² _____ to bed when the sun goes down. Some travelers may even ¹³ _____ more than one night and ¹⁴ _____ to a place that is not so exotic. Once, I stayed in a hotel that had no hot water. I ¹⁵ _____ this, because it seemed like a good experience. It was fun for a while, but after three days, I ¹⁶ _____ showers. The hotel owner ¹⁷ _____ some water on his stove, but he ¹⁸ _____ it. I ¹⁹ _____ him. Finally, I ²⁰ _____ him. I decided to just put on more sweet-smelling cologne. Although it was difficult, I do not ²¹ _____ in that hotel. In fact, I ²² _____ this sometime. I think everyone ²³ _____ something unusual on their vacation. On my next one, I ²⁴ _____ a week in a tent in a desert. I ²⁵ _____ how to stay comfortable even on an extremely hot day.

Exercise 2

Fill in the chart with verbs that are used in “Traveling to Exotic Places” in Exercise 1.

Verb + Gerund (verb-ing)	Verb + Infinitive (to + verb)
• <i>enjoy</i>	• <i>expect</i>

Exercise 3

Correct the mistakes in the underlined phrases. (There are twelve, including *wished knowing*.)

Natural Skills

I've always envied people who have special skills. When I was a child, I ¹wished knowing how to fix a car the way my father did. He ²refused teaching me because I was too young, but I ³kept hoping he would change his mind. One day, he ⁴stopped to work and told me that I need to find a skill that was natural for me. I ⁵considered painting pictures, but ⁶quit to try this when my first picture looked so terrible. Next, I ⁷practiced to build something. I ⁸disliked to hear the noise from the hammer, so I stopped. I ⁹avoided playing a musical instrument because I can't read music. Once again, I talked to my father about fixing cars. I ¹⁰promised to learn fast, but he ¹¹refused listening to me. I ¹²agreed playing tennis. Every day, I ¹³enjoyed to practice, but I told my father that I didn't like it. I ¹⁴pretended to hurt my arm, so he ¹⁵recommended to rest for a few days. After two days of rest, I ¹⁶missed seeing my teammates, so I ¹⁷decided returning to practice. At my first match, I ¹⁸expected to lose the game, but surprisingly, I won. When I ¹⁹finished to play, I told my father about my success. He said that he knew I would find a skill that was natural for me. Now I ²⁰plan to play on my school tennis team.

Exercise 4

- 1) Choose a topic from the box.
- 2) Write a long paragraph about the topic. (See “Traveling to Exotic Places” in Exercise 1 and “Natural Skills” in Exercise 3 for samples.)
- 3) In your paragraph, use at least *two verbs + gerunds* and *two verbs + infinitives* from the chart in Exercise 2.
- 4) Underline the *verbs + gerunds* and *verbs + infinitives* that you use.

Paragraph Topics

• sleep	• monsters	• dreams	• health
• mysteries	• books	• girls	• boys
• parents	• dancing	• snowboarding	• prejudice
• birds	• prison	• mountains	• marriage
• flying	• movies	• video games	• computers
• police	• family	• jobs	• shoes
• habits	• sports	• food	• fashion
• <i>(You choose a topic)</i>			

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