

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.

1. In Exercise 1, the verb-*ing* forms (*eating*, *singing*, *reading*, and *smoking*) are _____.
a) nouns b) verbs c) prepositions
2. When a verb-*ing* (*eating*, *singing*, 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.

Regular nouns:	countries	✓ his car	voice
	music	school	computer

Gerunds:	shouting	fixing	studying
	✓ driving	traveling	playing

1. a) Tom stopped his car.
 a) 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.
___2) Circle the gerunds in the sentences.

- 1.
- 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.

Ex. 5 Listening script

1. Watching the rain is a nice thing to do.
2. In summer, we enjoy swimming.
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.