

Gerunds vs Infinitives

Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

Intermediate

A. Complete the sentences using the Gerunds and to-Infinitives below.

doing to get reading to practise travelling learning to understand

1. Many people study English because they want a good job.
2. Others choose to learn it because they are interested in to foreign countries.
3. Whatever your reason for the language, it is important
4. books and watching films can help you increase your vocabulary.
5. If you find grammar difficult, activities like this can help.

B. Some verbs can only be followed by either a Gerund or an Infinitive, whilst some can be followed by both. Put the verbs below into the correct boxes.

start promise can't stand forget would like love
 stop hope enjoy finish remember agree spend time

Gerund	Infinitive	Both (same meaning)	Both (different meaning)

C. Complete the sentences using either a Gerund or an Infinitive.

1. It is illegal *driving* / *to drive* without a seatbelt.
2. *Learning* / *to learn* a language is easier when you're a child than when you're an adult.
3. Very few children enjoy *doing* / *to do* homework.
4. Did you remember *feeding* / *to feed* the cat?
5. Jim stopped *smoking* / *to smoke* 10 years ago. He hasn't smoked since.
6. Alice went to the cinema *watching* / *to watch* a French film with her friends.
7. My mum never goes abroad. She's afraid of *flying* / *to fly*.
8. I didn't finish *cleaning* / *to clean* until 11 p.m. last night.
9. Our parents agreed *letting* / *to let* us stay at home alone.
10. I promise *doing* / *to do* my homework as soon as I get home.

D. Complete the sentences using one of the verbs below in either the Gerund or Infinitive form.

cook play swim retire buy drink work go get stay

1. Jerry doesn't mind long hours. He's trying to save money
2. He's so good at, he should open a restaurant.
3. I rarely go to the beach as I don't know how
4. I don't want to the party. None of my friends will be there.
5. Kim went to the post office some stamps.
6. I'm looking forward to married next year.
7. It's unhealthy alcohol everyday.
8. games is a waste of time. I'd much rather read a book!
9. We decided at home because it was too wet to go outside.
10. I would like now. I'm tired of working.

E. Make guesses about your partner by completing sentences using a Gerund or an Infinitive. Afterwards, compare your sentences and see how many of your guesses were correct.

1. I think that you're good at
2. I think that you can't stand
3. I think that this weekend you hope
4. I think that the reason you're studying English is
5. I think you're interested in
6. I think that you avoid
7. I think that next summer you plan
8. I think you spend a lot of time
9. I think you would like to learn how
10. I don't think you enjoy