

Gerunds vs Infinitives

Teacher's Notes

Level: Intermediate

In this activity sheet, students learn about the different uses of Gerunds and to-Infinitives by practising their use, both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To teach students the differences between Gerunds and Infinitives.

Exercise A: Students begin by completing the sentences using the correct Gerund or Infinitive.

answer key:

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| 1. to get | 2. travelling | 3. learning, to practise |
| 4. reading | 5. to understand, doing | |

Exercise B: Next, students decide which verbs can be used with Gerunds, which can be used with Infinitives, and which can be used with both Gerunds and Infinitives, and put them in the correct categories.

answer key:

Gerund	Infinitive	Both (same meaning)	Both (different meaning)
spend time enjoy finish can't stand	promise would like hope agree	start love	remember stop forget

Exercise C: Students go on to complete the sentences by circling the correct form of the verb.

answer key:

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| 1. to drive | 6. to watch |
| 2. learning | 7. flying |
| 3. doing | 8. cleaning |
| 4. to feed | 9. to let |
| 5. smoking | 10. to do |

Exercise D: After this, students complete the sentences, choosing the correct verb and putting it in either the Gerund or Infinitive form.

answer key:

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| 1. working | 6. getting |
| 2. cooking | 7. to drink |
| 3. to swim | 8. playing |
| 4. to go | 9. to stay |
| 5. to buy | 10. to retire |

Exercise E: Lastly, students make guesses about their partner and complete their sentences using either a Gerund or an Infinitive. Afterwards, they compare their sentences with each other and see how many of their guesses were correct.

answer key:

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| 1. Gerund | 2. Gerund | 3. Infinitive | 4. Infinitive | 5. Gerund |
| 6. Gerund | 7. Infinitive | 8. Gerund | 9. Infinitive | 10. Gerund |