

Gerunds and Infinitives – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Write the correct form of the verb in brackets: the -ing form or the to-infinitive.

Example: I'd like ___ (visit) Rome one day. → to visit

1. We enjoy _____ (play) tennis at the weekend.
2. I want _____ (buy) a new bike.
3. They decided _____ (not / go) camping because of the rain.
4. Have you finished _____ (do) your homework?
5. Sam hopes _____ (become) a doctor.
6. Please avoid _____ (use) your phone during the test.
7. Do you mind _____ (open) the door for me?
8. She refused _____ (answer) my question.

Exercise 2: Prepositions + -ing

Complete each sentence with a word from the box. There are two extra words.

Example: She is worried ___ failing the exam. → about

WORD BOX

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9. I'm interested _____ learning Japanese.
10. My brother is very good _____ drawing animals.
11. He left the party _____ saying goodbye to anyone. How rude!
12. Thank you _____ helping me with my suitcase.
13. Maria is afraid _____ flying, so she usually travels by train.
14. I'm looking forward _____ seeing you next week.
15. My dad insisted _____ paying for dinner.
16. _____ going to bed, I always read for twenty minutes.

Exercise 3: Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite each sentence using the word(s) in brackets. Keep the meaning the same.

Example: It is relaxing to listen to music. (Listening) → Listening to music is relaxing.

17. It is difficult to learn a new language. (Learning)

18. Anna went to the library because she wanted to study. (to)

19. "I won't be late again," said Max. (promised)

20. I don't want to go out tonight. (feel like)

21. We decided that we would not take the bus. (decided)

22. Please could you close the window? (mind)

23. Lucy said, "Why don't we go to the cinema?" (suggested)

24. I locked the door. I remember it clearly. (remember)

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: I hope seeing you soon. → I hope to see you soon.

25. I enjoy to read detective stories.

26. She wants learning to drive.

27. Do you mind to wait a moment?

28. He decided not going to the party.

29. I'm looking forward to meet you.

30. Did you finish to clean your room?

31. They avoided to talk about the problem.

32. My sister hopes visiting Canada next year.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

Example: likes / she / cooking → She likes cooking.

33. you / would / to / like / dance / ?

34. not / tried / I / to / laugh

35. good / is / walking / for / you

36. she / give up / did / eating / meat / ?

37. me / to / he / help / offered

38. finished / have / you / writing / the report / ?

39. to / forget / don't / call / me

Answer key – Gerunds and Infinitives – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. **playing**
'Enjoy' is followed by the -ing form.
2. **to buy**
'Want' is followed by the to-infinitive.
3. **not to go**
'Decide' takes the to-infinitive, and 'not' goes before 'to'.
4. **doing**
'Finish' is followed by the -ing form.
5. **to become**
'Hope' is followed by the to-infinitive.
6. **using**
'Avoid' is followed by the -ing form.
7. **opening**
'Mind' is followed by the -ing form.
8. **to answer**
'Refuse' is followed by the to-infinitive.

Exercise 2: Prepositions + -ing

9. **in**
We say 'interested in' + -ing.
10. **at**
We say 'good at' + -ing.
11. **without**
'Without' + -ing means he did not do it.
12. **for**
We say 'thank you for' + -ing.
13. **of**
We say 'afraid of' + -ing.
14. **to**
In 'look forward to', 'to' is a preposition, so it is followed by -ing.
15. **on**
We say 'insist on' + -ing.
16. **Before**
'Before' is a preposition here, so it is followed by -ing.

Exercise 3: Rewrite the sentences

17. **Learning a new language is difficult.**
An -ing form can be the subject of a sentence.
18. **Anna went to the library to study.**
We use the to-infinitive to say why we do something (purpose).
19. **Max promised not to be late again.**
'Promise' takes the to-infinitive; the negative is 'not to'.
20. **I don't feel like going out tonight.**
'Feel like' is followed by the -ing form.
21. **We decided not to take the bus.**
'Decide' + not + to-infinitive.
22. **Would you mind closing the window?**
The reviewer's answer was already correct and accepted, because 'mind' is followed by the -ing form ('Would you mind closing...?'), and versions that keep 'please' are now accepted too.
23. **Lucy suggested going to the cinema.**
'Suggest' is followed by the -ing form (not the to-infinitive).
24. **I remember locking the door.**
'Remember' + -ing is about a memory of something we did in the past.

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake

25. **I enjoy reading detective stories.**
'Enjoy' is followed by -ing, not the to-infinitive.
26. **She wants to learn to drive.**
'Want' is followed by the to-infinitive.
27. **Do you mind waiting a moment?**
'Mind' is followed by -ing.
28. **He decided not to go to the party.**
'Decide' takes not + to-infinitive.
29. **I'm looking forward to meeting you.**
After the preposition 'to' in 'look forward to', we use -ing.
30. **Did you finish cleaning your room?**
'Finish' is followed by -ing.
31. **They avoided talking about the problem.**
'Avoid' is followed by -ing.
32. **My sister hopes to visit Canada next year.**
'Hope' is followed by the to-infinitive.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

33. Would you like to dance?

'Would like' is followed by the to-infinitive; in questions 'would' comes before the subject.

34. I tried not to laugh.

In a negative infinitive, 'not' comes before 'to'.

35. Walking is good for you.

The -ing form 'Walking' is the subject of the sentence.

36. Did she give up eating meat?

'Give up' is followed by -ing; the question starts with 'Did'.

37. He offered to help me.

'Offer' is followed by the to-infinitive.

38. Have you finished writing the report?

'Finish' is followed by -ing; the question starts with 'Have'.

39. Don't forget to call me.

'Forget' + to-infinitive is about something we need to do.

Notes for teachers: Start by brainstorming two lists on the board, 'verbs + -ing' (enjoy, mind, avoid, finish) and 'verbs + to' (want, hope, decide, refuse), then let students do Exercises 1 and 2. Typical mistakes are 'enjoy to do', 'looking forward to meet' and putting 'not' in the wrong place ('decided to not go' or 'decided not going'). Point out that after 'to' as a preposition (look forward to, be used to) we use -ing. As a follow-up, students write five true sentences about themselves using verbs from the worksheet, then ask a partner questions such as 'What do you enjoy doing?'.