

Lesson 19 Exercise 1 *Gerunds as subjects*

Directions: fill in the blank spaces below with a gerund or gerund phrase to correctly complete the idea of the sentence.

Suggestions

- 1 **Robbing banks** is against the law.
- 2 **Drinking** too much alcohol can kill you.
- 3 **Voting** in the presidential election is every citizen's responsibility.
- 4 **Learning** a new language takes a lot of patience.
- 5 **Crowding on subways** annoys me.
- 6 **Burping** is embarrassing.
- 7 **Buying a car** takes a lot of money.

Lesson 19 Exercise 2 *More Gerunds as subjects*

Write two sentences using a gerund or gerund phrase as the subject.

1. _____
2. _____

Lesson 19 Exercise 3 *Gerunds after Prepositions*

In each of the sentences below, change the word in parentheses into its gerund form and place it in the main word position of the prepositional phrase.

1. You should be careful <about | **giving out** > your personal information online.
2. Please turn off the lights <after| **leaving** > the room.
3. She asked for information <about| **registering** > for the next semester.
4. The boy's mother tried to prevent him <from| **hurting**> himself.
5. The priest talked the man <into| **confessing** > his crime to the police.
6. Thanks <for| **helping** > me.



7. He is in danger <of| **failing**>the course.
8. We were planning <on| **staying**> home tonight.
9. His illness kept us <from| **going**> on vacation.
10. I would like to apologize <for| **arriving**> late.

Lesson 19 Exercise 4 *More Gerunds after Prepositions*

Try to fill in the blanks with gerunds on your own.

1. You should wash your hands <before| _____>.
2. I am trying to decide <between| _____> or _____ to the party.
3. They were exhausted <after| _____> all night.
4. As a child, I was afraid <of| _____> in a totally dark room.
5. He reminded me of the law <about| _____> in elevators.

Lesson 19 Exercise 5 *Gerunds that follow certain verbs*

These sentences with the verb "like" are followed by infinitives. Write the sentences again, changing the infinitive to a gerund.

1. Dogs like to chase squirrels. **Dogs like chasing squirrels.**
2. Squirrels like to eat nuts. **Squirrels like eating nuts.**

Now change the gerunds in these sentences to infinitives.

1. Cats like chasing mice. **Cats like to chase mice.**
2. Mice like eating cheese. **Mice like to eat cheese.**



Lesson 19 Exercise 6 *More Gerunds that follow certain verbs*

Write answers to the following questions using gerunds or gerund phrases.

Example: What do you recommend seeing in New York?

I recommend seeing the museum of natural history.

1. What do you *enjoy* doing on weekends?

2. What do you *avoid*?

3. What do you *suggest* doing on a nice day?

4. What do you *fear*?

5. What do you *dislike* most about school.

6. What *can't* you *help* doing when you are studying?

Lesson 19 Exercise 7 *Even more Gerunds that follow certain verbs*

Write four sentences with gerunds using verbs from the list.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Lesson 19 Exercise 8 *What is the -ing word's job?*

Decide how the -ing word is used in these sentences as a Ving , as subject, as the main word of the prepositional phrase, or as a Describer. Circle your choice.

1.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	She was trying to get his attention.
2.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	Studying a language takes a lot of time.



3.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	That is an interesting question.
4.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	After 6 miles, John was tired of walking .
5.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	He is hoping to leave work early today.
6.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	Seeing movies is one of my favorite pastimes.
7.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	The speeding car hit a tree.
8.	Ving	Gerund-subject	Gerund-preposition	Describer	A big part of being successful attitude.

Lesson 19 Exercise 9 Mixed

Write three sentences as indicated.

1. (Use a gerund as main word in subject)

2. (Use a gerund as main word in a prepositional phrase)

3. (Use a Ving)

4. (Use a gerund after a verb)

