Gerunds and Infinitives Worksheet with Answers

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Form	Example
Verb + -ing: enjoy, mind, finish, avoid, suggest, can't stand	I enjoy cooking. Do you mind waiting?
Verb + to: want, decide, hope, plan, need, would like	She decided to leave.
Preposition + -ing	I'm good at drawing. Thanks for coming.
Change in meaning: stop, remember, try	I stopped smoking (no more). I stopped to smoke (in order to).

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I enjoy to read.	I enjoy reading.
She decided going home.	She decided to go home.
I'm looking forward to see you.	I'm looking forward to seeing you.

1. Complete

Complete with the -ing form or to + verb.

1. I enjoy _____ (read) in bed.
2. She decided _____ (study) abroad.
3. Do you mind _____ (open) the window?
4. We hope _____ (see) you soon.
5. He's interested in _____ (learn) Japanese.
6. They want _____ (buy) a house.
7. I can't stand _____ (wait) in queues.
8. She promised _____ (call) me.
9. Thank you for _____ (help) me.
10. I'd like _____ (try) the soup.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. I finished (to write / writing) the report.
2. He agreed (to help / helping) us.
3. I'm looking forward to (see / seeing) you.
4. I stopped (to buy / buying) a coffee on the way.
5. Please remember (to lock / locking) the door.
6. I remember (to meet / meeting) him at a party years ago.
7. She avoids (to drive / driving) at night.
8. I went to the shop (to buy / for buy) bread.

3. Correct the mistakes

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. I enjoy to swim.
2. She wants going home.
3. I'm good at cook.
4. He suggested to take a taxi.
5. I look forward to hear from you.
6. We decided going by train.

Writing

Write a short paragraph (6 sentences) about your free time and your plans. Use at least three verbs + -ing (enjoy, mind, avoid…) and three verbs + to (want, hope, decide…).

Speaking

- What do you enjoy doing at the weekend? What do you avoid doing?
- What have you decided to do this year?
- What are you looking forward to?
- What did you stop doing when you started working (or studying at university)?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 reading · 2 to study · 3 opening · 4 to see · 5 learning · 6 to buy · 7 waiting · 8 to call · 9 helping · 10 to try

2. Choose: 1 writing · 2 to help · 3 seeing · 4 to buy · 5 to lock · 6 meeting · 7 driving · 8 to buy

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 I enjoy swimming. · 2 She wants to go home. · 3 I'm good at cooking. · 4 He suggested taking a taxi. · 5 I look forward to hearing from you. · 6 We decided to go by train.

Writing, model answer: In my free time I enjoy cooking and going for long walks. I don't mind getting up early at the weekend if the weather is nice. I try to avoid looking at my phone in the evening. This year I want to learn the piano, and I hope to find a good teacher soon. I have also decided to read one book a month.