



Gerunds and Infinitives — B1 exercises

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 23

A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- I really enjoy ____ early in the morning.
A) to run B) running C) run D) to running
- She has decided ____ for a postgraduate course.
A) applying B) to apply C) apply D) to applying
- He is very good at ____ problems nobody else can solve.
A) to fix B) fixing C) fix D) fixed
- What is the difference between 'I stopped smoking' and 'I stopped to smoke'?
A) None
B) The first means giving up, the second means pausing in order to smoke
C) The first is informal
D) The second means giving up
- Would you mind ____ the door?
A) to close B) closing C) close D) closed
- We cannot afford ____ another delay.
A) risking B) to risk C) risk D) to risking
- Remember ____ the gas before you leave.
A) turning off B) to turn off C) turn off D) turned off
- I will never forget ____ the Northern Lights for the first time.
A) to see B) seeing C) see D) to seeing
- She suggested ____ the meeting until Thursday.
A) to postpone B) postponing C) postpone D) to postponing
- They agreed ____ the contract without further negotiation.
A) signing B) to sign C) sign D) to signing

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

- I cannot stand _____ in long queues.
- She hopes _____ study medicine in Edinburgh.

3. Thank you for _____ me with the move.
4. He offered _____ drive us to the airport.
5. Do you mind _____ your seat so we can sit together?
6. They refused _____ answer any further questions.
7. I am not used to _____ up quite so early.
8. She admitted _____ the vase but insisted it was an accident.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. enjoy / cooking / I / groups. / large / for

Express a pleasure with an -ing verb.

2. She / study / to / architecture / instead. / decided

Report a decision with an infinitive.

3. He / good / at / puzzles. / is / solving

Use the compulsory form after a preposition.

4. mind / a / waiting / few / Would / you / minutes?

Make a polite request with mind.

5. again / week. / to / meet / They / next / agreed

Report an agreement.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) running** — Enjoy always takes the -ing form.
2. **B) to apply** — Decide is followed by a to-infinitive.
3. **B) fixing** — After a preposition — here at — English always uses the -ing form.
4. **B) The first means giving up, the second means pausing in order to smoke** — Stop plus -ing ends the activity; stop plus to-infinitive states the purpose of the pause.
5. **B) closing** — Mind is one of the verbs that must be followed by an -ing form.
6. **B) to risk** — Afford takes a to-infinitive.
7. **B) to turn off** — Remember plus a to-infinitive is about a future duty; remember plus -ing is about a past memory.
8. **B) seeing** — Forget plus -ing refers to a memory of something that happened.
9. **B) postponing** — Suggest never takes a to-infinitive, despite how often learners use one.
10. **B) to sign** — Agree is followed by a to-infinitive.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **waiting** — Can't stand belongs to the group of verbs taking an -ing form.
2. **to** — Hope is followed by a to-infinitive.
3. **helping** — For is a preposition, so the verb after it takes -ing.
4. **to** — Offer takes a to-infinitive.
5. **changing** — Mind is always followed by an -ing form.
6. **to** — Refuse takes a to-infinitive.
7. **getting** — The to in be used to is a preposition, so an -ing form must follow.
8. **breaking** — Admit is followed by an -ing form, never by a to-infinitive.

C. Sentence building

1. **I enjoy cooking for large groups.**
2. **She decided to study architecture instead.**
3. **He is good at solving puzzles.**
4. **Would you mind waiting a few minutes?**
5. **They agreed to meet again next week.**