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Self-learning material – Practising grammar

Practising gerunds and infinitive constructions – Grammatiktraining kompakt

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Was ist ein *gerund* und wofür braucht man es? Und wie sieht es mit *infinitive constructions* mit *to* aus? Sind diese beiden Konstruktionen teilweise einsetzbar oder gibt es gar einen Bedeutungsunterschied, je nachdem, welche Form man verwendet? Die Schülerinnen und Schüler lernen in dieser Unterrichtseinheit die Regeln und Verwendung dieser zwei Satzkonstruktionen kennen und üben sie ein. Die Übungen sind in das Thema „Vorlieben“ eingebettet und werden durch *LearningApps* unterstützt.

KOMPETENZPROFIL

Klassenstufe/Lernjahr: 8–10; 4.–6. Lernjahr

Umfang: 4 Übungsmaterialien, Test

Kompetenzen:

1. Grammatik: *Gerund* und *infinitive constructions* üben;
2. Sprechen: Über Vorlieben sprechen (z. B. Reisen, Essen, Freizeit, Partnerschaft)

Thematische Bereiche: *grammar, gerund, infinitive constructions, talking about preferences*





Auf einen Blick

Alle Aufgaben liegen zusätzlich auch digital in *LearningApps* vor.

Checkliste und Regelblatt

Checklist	Where am I and how was it? Checkliste für die Lernenden zum Abhaken und Evaluieren der Aufgaben
Rule sheet	Gerund and infinitive constructions – The rule Regelblatt mit einer Übersicht über alle relevanten Regeln zum Thema „Gerund and infinitive constructions“

Übungsmaterial 1

Exercise 1	Basic: Drinking coffee is the best – The gerund as a subject and as an object https://learningapps.org/display?v=ph9c25
Exercise 1	Intermediate: Drinking coffee is the best – The gerund as a subject and as an object https://learningapps.org/display?v=psx2gpjka25

Übungsmaterial 2

Exercise 2	Basic: I am happy to try new food – The infinitive after certain verbs and adjectives https://learningapps.org/display?v=p9rdmq9e325
Exercise 2	Intermediate: I am happy to try new food – The infinitive after certain verbs and adjectives https://learningapps.org/display?v=pznicrbcj25

Übungsmaterial 3

Exercise 3	Basic: Doesn't matter to me – Gerund and/or infinitive https://learningapps.org/display?v=p6btf72yn25
Exercise 3	Intermediate: Doesn't matter to me – Gerund and/or infinitive https://learningapps.org/display?v=pthyudkw525

Übungsmaterial 4

Exercise 4

Different form, different meaning – Gerund or infinitive

<https://learningapps.org/display?v=p3w2cq35t25>

Test

Test

What do you remember?

<https://learningapps.org/display?v=pppagmxwt25>

Zusätzlich im Online-Archiv bzw. in der ZIP-Datei

ZM 1

What do you prefer? – Guessing your neighbour's preferences

ZM 2

Talking about preferences – A double circle



Checklist



Where am I and how was it?

Task

Tick off the exercises that you have completed. Decide how you coped with the exercises and draw a smiley.

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Exercise 1: Basic: Drinking coffee is the best – The gerund as a subject and as an object https://learningapps.org/watch?v=pctgrwh9c25			
Exercise 1: Intermediate: Drinking coffee is the best – The gerund as a subject and as an object https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p5x2gpjka25			
Exercise 2: Basic: I am happy to try new food – The infinitive after certain verbs and adjectives https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p6nmg9e325			
Exercise 2: Intermediate: I am happy to try new food – The infinitive after certain verbs and adjectives https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p6icrbcj25			
Exercise 3: Basic: Does it matter to me – Gerund and/or infinitive https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p6b6p2yn25			
Exercise 3: Intermediate: Does it matter to me – Gerund and/or infinitive https://learningapps.org/watch?v=pthyudkw525			
Exercise 4: Different form, different meaning – Gerund or infinitive https://learningapps.org/watch?v=p3w2cg35t25			
Test: What do you remember? https://learningapps.org/watch?v=pppagmxwt25			

Exercise 1



Basic: Drinking coffee is the best – The gerund as a subject and as an object

You can also do the tasks in *LearningApps*: <https://learningapps.org/watch?v=pctgrh9c25>.

Task 1

Gerunds as subjects: The words in the following sentences are mixed up. Put them in the correct order.

- spicy food – eating – my favourite – is
Eating spicy food is my favourite.
- coffee – happy – makes me – drinking – in the morning

- something – enjoy – I – cooking – is – pasta

- trying – always exciting – new drinks – is

- chocolate – a special treat – for me – eating

- fresh juice – drinking – better – than – soda

- homemade pizza – for dinner – is – making

- healthy snacks – to me – choosing – important

Task 2

Gerunds after verbs without a preposition: Find the correct verb to fill in the gaps.

watching – choosing – playing – preferring – doing – liking – trying – swimming – playing

- I enjoy watching soccer more than playing it.
- She started playing tennis after her first match.
- He stopped playing basketball because he prefers running.
- They don't mind trying new sports, but they love swimming the most.
- I suggest choosing volleyball if you enjoy team games.

6. He admitted _____ golf over fast sports.
7. She avoids _____ extreme sports because she likes safe activities.
8. They keep _____ cycling because it is fun and relaxing.

TIP

Remember: After the following verbs a gerund is needed but there is no preposition: *enjoy, start, stop, (don't) mind, suggest, admit, avoid, keep, etc.*

**Task 3**

Gerunds after verbs with a preposition: Match the sentence halves.

I dream of ...	playing board games because he prefers video games.
She looks forward to ...	wasting time on TV instead of doing fun activities.
He complains about ...	painting to relax and enjoy his free time.
They worry about ...	going to concerts because we love live music.
We talk about ...	watching her favourite movies at weekends.
She relies on ...	spending her free time in nature.

Task 4

Gerunds after nouns or adjectives with a preposition: Fill in the gaps with the correct noun or adjective with a preposition. Select them from the box.

am in danger of – have difficulty in – am fond of – am interested in – like the idea of –
am good at – am afraid of – look forward to

Frank thinks about a lot of things when it comes to travelling:

1. I *am in danger of* spending too much money when I travel.
2. I _____ visiting new countries every year.
3. I _____ exploring small towns and local markets.
4. I _____ packing light for a trip.
5. I _____ learning about different cultures.
6. I _____ finding cheap flights for my trips.
7. I _____ flying, so I prefer travelling by train.
8. I _____ meeting new people while travelling.

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