

Exercises: Giriş & Prepositions + Gerunds Kullanımı

► Practice 1. Gerunds: introduction. (Chart 14-1)

Circle the gerunds. Some sentences have no gerund.

1. Driving a car is not difficult.
2. We were tired of driving, so we stopped for a rest.
3. When I saw Bob, he was driving around and looking for a parking space.
4. I enjoy singing.
5. Singing songs is a good way to learn a language.
6. Who's singing? It sounds wonderful.

► Practice 2. Using gerunds as the objects of prepositions. (Chart 14-2)

Complete the sentences with a verb from the list. Write the verb in its gerund form.

buy	fly	hear	lower
drink	go	improve	take

1. Thank you for _____ care of my plants while I was in the hospital.
2. The children are excited about _____ to the circus tomorrow.
3. Students who are interested in _____ their English conversation skills can sign up for special private classes.
4. Psychiatrists say that dreaming about _____ in the sky is quite common.
5. The candidate says he is committed to _____ taxes.
6. We are thinking about not _____ tickets for the opera this year. They have become so expensive.
7. I'm used to _____ tea with my meals. I never drink coffee.
8. We look forward to _____ from you soon.

► **Practice 5. Using gerunds as the objects of prepositions.** (Chart 14-2)

Write the correct preposition and the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Henry is excited _____ (*leave*) _____ for India.
2. I have no excuse _____ (*be*) _____ late.
3. The rain prevented us _____ (*complete*) _____ the work.
4. Fred is always complaining _____ (*have*) _____ a headache.
5. Instead _____ (*study*) _____, Margaret went to a ballgame with some of her friends.
6. The weather is terrible tonight. I don't blame you _____ (*want, not*) _____ to go to the meeting.
7. Who is responsible _____ (*wash*) _____ and _____ (*dry*) _____ the dishes after dinner?
8. The thief was accused _____ (*steal*) _____ a woman's purse.
9. I'm going to visit my family during the school vacation. I'm looking forward _____ (*eat*) _____ my mother's cooking and (*sleep*) _____ in my own bed.
10. I thanked my friend _____ (*lend*) _____ me lunch money.

► **Practice 6. Using gerunds as the objects of prepositions.** (Chart 14-2)

Complete the sentences with a preposition and a verb from the list. Write the verb in its gerund form.

answer	change	live	waste
arrive	clean	save	write
buy	fail	✓ take	

1. I'm thinking about taking a class in digital photography.
2. Are you interested _____ a new computer?
3. Brrr! I don't like this cold weather. I'm used _____ in warmer climates.
4. Please forgive me (*not*) _____ your email until now. I've been very busy.
5. If you are worried _____ this class, why don't you get a tutor?
6. Everybody talks _____ the situation, but nobody does anything about it.
7. This room is a mess! Isn't anyone responsible _____ it up?
8. Bad weather prevented the plane _____ on time.
9. Thank you _____ a letter of recommendation for me.
10. The environmental group believes _____ energy. They want to stop people _____ electricity.

CHAPTER 14: GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES, PART 1

PRACTICE 1, p. 139

Gerunds:

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|------------|------------|
| 1. Driving | 4. singing |
| 2. driving | 5. Singing |
| 3. None | 6. None |

PRACTICE 2, p. 139

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| 1. taking | 5. lowering |
| 2. going | 6. buying |
| 3. improving | 7. drinking |
| 4. flying | 8. hearing |

PRACTICE 3, p. 140

Part I.

1. in
2. of
3. of
4. for
5. from

Part II.

6. of
7. for
8. to
9. to
10. of

PRACTICE 4, p. 140

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| 1. b | 6. c |
| 2. b | 7. a |
| 3. c | 8. c |
| 4. c | 9. c |
| 5. a | 10. b |

PRACTICE 5, p. 141

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| 1. about leaving | 6. for not wanting |
| 2. for being | 7. for washing . . . drying |
| 3. from completing | 8. of stealing |
| 4. about having | 9. to eating . . . sleeping |
| 5. of studying | 10. for lending |

PRACTICE 6, p. 141

1. about taking
2. in buying
3. to living
4. for not answering
5. about failing
6. about changing
7. for cleaning
8. from arriving
9. for writing
10. in saving . . . from wasting