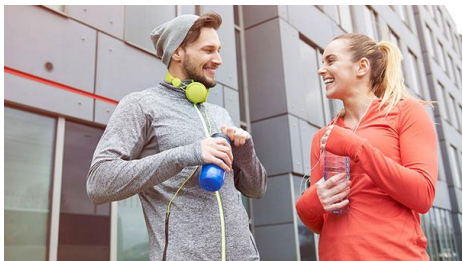
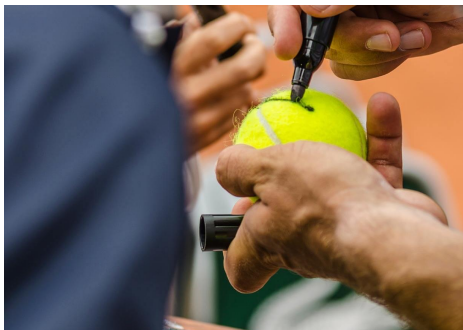


1. Write gerunds as subjects in the following sentences. Use each verb from the table:

compete	get	win	organize	raise	catch
postpone	avoid	play	stay	become	break

a.		Staying in shape is important to me.
b.		Collecting autographs from famous athletes is my hobby.
c.		Catching a cold in the summer is not very fun.

d.		rugby is quite dangerous.
e.		the World Cup of Soccer must take a long time.
f.		the test until next week is not possible.
g.		the silver medal is not as good as gold.

h.		the champion is his goal.
i.		the world record is impossible.
j.		your ex-girlfriend is probably the best thing to do.
k.		is very different from having fun.
l.		a child is a lot of work.

2. Complete the sentences with the missing preposition from the table as well as writing the verb in parentheses to its gerund form. Some sentences require two verbs:

to	without	of	in	to	between
at	for	like	as	about	than



a. Instead of cycling to work today, I walked. (cycle)



b. She always thinks her job. (quit)



c. A helmet is your head. (protect)



d. Snowboarding is **like surfing** or **snowboarding**. (surf / skateboard)



e. What is the difference **between raising** and **taking** care of a child (raise / take)



f. Supporting something is similar **to liking** something, but they are not the same. (like)



g. Refusing is the same **as saying** "no". (say)



h. I think in this situation, lying about what you did is better **than** **admitting** it. (admit)



i. She's just not interested **in learning** English. (learn)



j. Bob left without saying anything. (say)



k. He's really looking forward to completing his studies. (complete)



I. The coach has been really successful **at getting** the most out of his players. (get)

3. Read the quotations. Then, report what was said using the verbs in parentheses and gerunds as objects of the verbs. Use the past tense.

- a. "You should go home."
The police **advised going home**. (advise)
- b. "You may not eat food on the bus."
The bus driver . (allow)
- c. "I would prefer not to spend any money."
My friend . (want to avoid)
- d. "It's okay with me if we go to an Italian restaurant."
Joanne **doesn't mind going...**. (not mind)
- e. "No way! I didn't do anything wrong!"
The criminal **denied doing anything wrong**. (deny)
- f. "Really? We've met?"
The woman **doesn't remember meeting me**. (not remember)
- g. "Why don't we go to the park?"
Jack **suggests / suggested going to the park**. (suggest)
- h. "Actually, I didn't do my homework last night."
The student **admitted not doing his/her homework**. (admit)
- i. "I really wish I hadn't gone to bed so late."
Steven **regretted going to bed so late**. (regret)
- j. "We have decided to change our plans. We are now going on our honeymoon a couple months after our wedding."
The couple **postponed going on their honeymoon ...**.
(postpone)

k. "If I were you, I wouldn't play on the basketball court when it's wet."

The player **recommends not playing on the ...** . (recommend)

l. "I had a really good time at the party on Friday."

My friend **enjoyed being at the party / going to the party on Friday** . (enjoy)

4. Rewrite the sentences. Use a verb from the table with a gerund:

delay	<u>quit</u>	try	<u>discuss</u>	<u>miss</u>	imagine
keep	begin	<u>recommend</u>	mind	<u>can't stand</u>	<u>prefer</u>

- a. Could you open the door?

Would / Do you mind opening the door?

- b. I wish I could eat my mother's food.

I MISS eating my mother's food.

- c. I like to play soccer more than watching it on TV.

I PREFER playing soccer more than watching it on TV.
TO WATCHING IT ON TV.
OVER.....

I prefer tea TO coffee.

I prefer tea MORE THAN coffee.

I prefer tea OVER coffee.

- d. I just smoked my last cigarette!

I just quit smoking.

- e. I think you should order the chicken. It's really good!

I recommend ordering the chicken.

- f. Waiting in line at the bank is my least favourite thing to do.

I CAN'T STAND waiting in line...

- g. I would like to talk about using gerunds today.

I'd like to discuss using gerunds today.

- h. She isn't going to stop working until she has the baby.

She keeps working until...

- i. Drink warm milk if you are having problems sleeping.

Try drinking warm milk if

- j. I waited until today to tell you the bad news because you've been under a lot of stress.

I delayed telling you bad news...

- k. Have you ever considered what it would be like to have a million dollars?

Have you ever imagined being a millionaire / having a million dollars?

- l. I moved into Jeff's apartment last month. Now, we're roommates!

I began living with Jeff.