

Gerunds

Gerunds have four forms:

SIMPLE: She avoids **driving** during rush hour.

PERFECT: He admits **having taken** the documents.

PASSIVE: They dislike always **being put** in the last row.

PASSIVE PERFECT: I appreciate **having been given** this opportunity.

The following verbs can be followed by gerunds but cannot be followed by infinitives:

admit	appreciate	avoid	consider
delay	deny	dislike	enjoy
finish	keep	mind	miss
quit	recommend	risk	suggest

exercise

21-1

Complete each sentence with the form of the gerund indicated in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: Albert considered *living* (live, simple) abroad for a year.

1. My brother and his wife delayed _____ (have, simple) children until they were settled.
2. I miss _____ (surprise, passive) on my birthday by my grandfather.
3. The politician denied _____ (mention, perfect) a possible tax increase.

4. I keep _____ (try, simple) his number, but he doesn't answer.
5. They didn't mind _____ (invite, passive perfect) at the last minute.
6. The doctor recommended _____ (eat, simple) more fruits and vegetables.
7. I appreciate _____ (choose, passive perfect) as your representative.
8. The committee finished _____ (review, simple) the applications yesterday.
9. We admitted _____ (be, perfect) the source of the trouble.
10. He dislikes _____ (treat, passive) as a child.
11. The tour guide suggested _____ (stop, simple) for lunch at this restaurant.
12. Fortunately, we avoided _____ (give, passive) a ticket.
13. For some reason, she quit _____ (play, simple) the piano a year ago.
14. When he made the repair, he risked _____ (damage, simple) the whole system.
15. We enjoyed _____ (introduce, passive) to your family.

exercise**21-2**

Use gerunds to answer the following questions.

EXAMPLE: What sport do you like playing?
I like playing soccer.

1. What do you enjoying doing on holidays?

2. What have you avoided doing in the past year?

3. What do you dislike doing on the weekend?

4. What story did you like being told when you were a child?

5. Whom do you miss seeing whom you cannot see now?
