

Verb + -ing example sentences

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master the **verb + -ing** structure.

1. Tony and I **enjoy hiking** together. We **love experiencing** nature while exercising.
2. My dog **loves racing** around the park. He's so energetic that he can run for hours.
3. Many people **hate flying**, but I'm a bit strange because I actually **enjoy flying**.
4. Will you kids **stop shouting** so loudly? You're giving me a headache!
5. Please **avoid walking** on the grass.
6. **Imagine living** on a paradise island, without any stress or worries. That would be heaven!
7. My friend Barry is **considering moving** to Australia. He has always wanted to live there.
8. Artists need to **spend** lots of **time thinking** so that they can come up with creative ideas for their work.
9. Student: "Do we have any homework, Miss Ashley?"
Miss Ashley: "Yes. I want you to **practise writing** the present perfect. Write 5 sentences using this tense."
10. Boss: "Hi Ray. Can you help me with this idea that I'm working on?"
Ray: "Yes, just give me one minute to **finish doing** this."
11. Wife: "John, have you **finished painting** the bedroom yet?"
Husband: "Not yet. I'll be **finished doing** it in about 30 minutes."
12. You should always **practise using** the English that you learn as much as possible.
13. Mother: "Simon, you are **spending** too much **time watching** TV and **surfing** the internet. Do something more productive with your life."
Simon: "But mum, I **love watching** TV."
14. Some cultures **consider burping** and **eating** aloud as a sign of enjoyment. In some other cultures, these are considered rude.
15. Now it's time to relax. I want you to **imagine walking** in a beautiful green field, **feeling** the warm sun on your face, **listening** to the birds, and **smelling** the flowers.
16. When you visit Beijing, **avoid taking** the subway. It's always packed full of people.
17. Neil: "That movie we watched last night was so scary. I loved it!"



Paula: "Can you **stop talking** about that movie? I had nightmares because of it."

18. Steve Jobs was a very passionate man. He **hated seeing** poor design, and he made sure every product he created was his idea of perfection.

19. I'm glad I quit my job and started working from home. I **love being** able to do what I want, when I want.

20. Fred: "Do you **enjoy being** a pilot?"

Carl: "I **love being** a pilot. Ever since I was a little boy, I wanted to fly planes. Now I do it as a job!"



21. Car buyer: "Would you **consider accepting** \$8000 for the car?"

Car seller: "Sorry, that's too low. Why don't we **consider meeting** halfway at \$9000?"

22. People used to **spend** lots of **time reading**. Nowadays, people prefer to surf the internet or play computer games.

23. Today we are going to have football class. We are going to **practise passing, shooting** and **dribbling** with the ball.

24. Dad, I've **finished doing** my homework. Can I go out to play now?

25. Liam: "What kinds of music do you **enjoy listening** to?"

Alan: "I **love listening** to rock and classical."

26. George: "I **hate giving** presentations. Do you have any advice for me?"

Colin: "Try to **avoid talking** quickly. When you slow down, you will relax."

27. Zoe: "Have you **stopped dating** Ryan?"

Jenny: Yes, we **stopped dating** last month. He **spent** too much **time working** instead of being with me."

28. Can you **imagine travelling** to space? It would be wonderful to float around and look at Earth from up there.



29. Doctor: "You need to relax for a couple of weeks. **Avoid doing** heavy exercise. You should also **avoid drinking** alcohol while you take this medication."

Patient: "OK, thank you."

30. If you have **finished reading**, you can **spend** the rest of the **time completing** your story.