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Grammar Self-Checks

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Possessives with gerunds

Look at the statements using possessives before gerunds to indicate the performer of an action.

The **kid's singing** was too loud.
Your constant **arguing** is getting on my nerves.
I didn't like **their talking** during the movie.
You should complain about **Sam's cutting** in line.
The thing that bothers me is **her smoking**.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Fill in the blanks.

1. What possessives are used in the example sentences?

2. What gerunds are used in the example sentences?

3. Check the correct statement.

- a. Possessives with gerunds can be used as either the subject or object in a sentence.
 b. Possessives with gerunds can be used only as the subject in a sentence.

Look at the examples of informal spoken English.

I can understand **John being** annoyed. (instead of "John's being annoyed")
I can't accept **them ignoring** me. (instead of "their ignoring me")

FIGURE IT OUT...

Fill in the blanks.

1. What noun is used instead of the possessive "John's" in the first sentence? _____

2. What object pronoun is used instead of the possessive in the second sentence? _____

Circle the letter of the best answer.

3. Which form is more appropriate for informal spoken English?

- a. possessive + gerund b. pronoun + gerund