Doing ... is fun!

1 Fill in the gaps with one of the -ing forms below.

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1 __________ English is great fun!
2 __________ fruit and vegetables in your garden is very healthy.
3 __________ a job that you like and is reasonably paid is difficult.
4 __________ late at night is not good for your digestion.
5 __________ in front of a live audience is sometimes a bit scary.
6 __________ a marathon is a great challenge!
7 __________ coffee in the morning wakes a lot of people up!
8 __________ time relaxing and being peaceful is very important for a healthy life.

2 Write your own sentences from the following prompts using the -ing form of the verb as the subject, adding an adjective of your choice.

1 Get/birthday cards in the post
2 Ride/a bike
3 Leave/close friend or relative at the airport
4 Talk/good friends
5 Sleep/late at weekends
6 Eat/a balanced diet
7 Go/camping and walking holidays
8 Read/a fantastic book

3 Swap with your partner and check each other's sentences.
TEACHER’S NOTES:

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Aim: to highlight the use of the -ing form of verbs as the noun. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 10.2.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student.

1 Direct students to the exercise and monitor carefully to make sure the students are using the –ing forms. If necessary elicit the first answer as an example.

**Answers:** 1 Learning  2 Growing  3 Finding  4 Eating  5 Singing  6 Running  7 Drinking  8 Spending

2 Students write full sentences saying how they feel about the activity as well as using the –ing forms. Suggest they use Ex. 1 as a model if they need extra help.

**Suggested answers:** 1 Getting birthday cards in the post is lovely.  2 Riding a bike is difficult at first, and then it’s easier!  3 Leaving a close friend or relative at the airport is sad.  4 Talking to good friends is great.  5 Sleeping late at weekends is good for you!  6 Eating a balanced diet is healthy.  7 Going on camping and walking holidays is relaxing.  8 Reading a fantastic book is exciting!

3 In pairs students discuss their answers. Encourage them to peer correct but highlight the best sentences on the board to show they have handled the new language well.