

Total English

Elementary

Doing ... is fun!

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

spending	eating	singing	drinking
running	finding	growing	learning

- _____ English is great fun!
 - _____ fruit and vegetables in your garden is very healthy.
 - _____ a job that you like and is reasonably paid is difficult.
 - _____ late at night is not good for your digestion.
 - _____ in front of a live audience is sometimes a bit scary.
 - _____ a marathon is a great challenge!
 - _____ coffee in the morning wakes a lot of people up!
 - _____ 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.
- Get/birthday cards in the post
 - Ride/a bike
 - Leave/close friend or relative at the airport
 - Talk/good friends
 - Sleep/late at weekends
 - Eat/a balanced diet
 - Go/camping and walking holidays
 - Read/a fantastic book
- 3 Swap with your partner and check each other's sentences.



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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.

