

# 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:

### *Doing ... is fun!*

**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 exercise 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.

