

Unit 4-3

Verbs followed by gerunds (verb + verb-*ing*) Verbs followed by infinitives (verb + *to* + verb)

Exercise 1

Listen and fill in the blanks. (*Listening script is below.*)

Traveling to Exotic Places

Most people 1 _____ to exotic places. When they go, they 2 _____ something unique. If they 3 _____ unusual people, they may feel disappointed. After they 4 _____ a new country, they often tell their friends about their experiences. Usually, their friends 5 _____ about new places to visit. However, if the place sounds too uncomfortable, their friends may 6 _____ to travel there, but they will probably 7 _____ there in the future. It's interesting that travelers 8 _____ new experiences, but, at the same time, they might 9 _____ the usual conveniences of home. For example, if they visit a place that has no electricity, they 10 _____ without it. Nevertheless, they will probably 11 _____ TV. They 12 _____ to bed when the sun goes down. Some travelers may even 13 _____ more than one night and 14 _____ to a place that is not so exotic. Once, I stayed in a hotel that had no hot water. I 15 _____ this, because it seemed like a good experience. It was fun for a while, but after three days, I 16 _____ showers. The hotel owner 17 _____ some water on his stove, but he 18 _____ it. I 19 _____ him. Finally, I 20 _____ him. I decided to just put on more sweet-smelling cologne. Although it was difficult, I do not 21 _____ in that hotel. In fact, I 22 _____ this sometime. I think everyone 23 _____ something unusual on their vacation. On my next one, I 24 _____ a week in a tent in a desert. I 25 _____ how to stay comfortable even on an extremely hot day.

Exercise 2

Fill in the chart with verbs that are used in “Traveling to Exotic Places” in Exercise 1.

Verb + Gerund (verb-<i>ing</i>) • <i>enjoy</i>	Verb + Infinitive (<i>to</i> + verb) • <i>expect</i>
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Exercise 3

Correct the mistakes in the underlined phrases. (There are twelve, including *wished knowing*.)

Natural Skills

I've always envied people who have special skills. When I was a child, I ¹ wished knowing ^{to know} how to fix a car the way my father did. He ² refused teaching me because I was too young, but I ³ kept hoping he would change his mind. One day, he ⁴ stopped to work and told me that I need to find a skill that was natural for me. I ⁵ considered painting pictures, but ⁶ quit to try this when my first picture looked so terrible. Next, I ⁷ practiced to build something. I ⁸ disliked to hear the noise from the hammer, so I stopped. I ⁹ avoided playing a musical instrument because I can't read music. Once again, I talked to my father about fixing cars. I ¹⁰ promised to learn fast, but he ¹¹ refused listening to me. I ¹² agreed playing tennis. Every day, I ¹³ enjoyed to practice, but I told my father that I didn't like it. I ¹⁴ pretended to hurt my arm, so he ¹⁵ recommended to rest for a few days. After two days of rest, I ¹⁶ missed seeing my teammates, so I ¹⁷ decided returning to practice. At my first match, I ¹⁸ expected to lose the game, but surprisingly, I won. When I ¹⁹ finished to play, I told my father about my success. He said that he knew I would find a skill that was natural for me. Now I ²⁰ plan to play on my school tennis team.

Exercise 4

- 1) Choose a topic from the box.
- 2) Write a long paragraph about the topic. (See “Traveling to Exotic Places” in Exercise 1 and “Natural Skills” in Exercise 3 for samples.)
- 3) In your paragraph, use at least *two verbs + gerunds* and *two verbs + infinitives* from the chart in Exercise 2.
- 4) Underline the *verbs + gerunds* and *verbs + infinitives* that you use.

Paragraph Topics

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| • sleep | • monsters | • dreams | • health |
| • mysteries | • books | • girls | • boys |
| • parents | • dancing | • snowboarding | • prejudice |
| • birds | • prison | • mountains | • marriage |
| • flying | • movies | • video games | • computers |
| • police | • family | • jobs | • shoes |
| • habits | • sports | • food | • fashion |
| • <i>(You choose a topic)</i> | | | |

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Script

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