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## GRAMMAR WORKSHEET GERUNDS used as SUBJECTS

- Gerunds are verbs that act like nouns. They are formed by adding '-ing' to verbs. For example: swim $\rightarrow$ swimming
- Gerunds can come either after the main verb in a sentence (when they are used as objects) or before the main verb (when they are used as subjects).

Complete the sentences below by using the '-ing' gerund form of the verbs on the right.

1. Eating lots of vegetables is important for good health.
2. $\qquad$ a parking space is difficult in the mornings.
3. $\qquad$ to work is a great way to get some exercise.
4. $\qquad$ books and magazines can help you to learn English.
5. $\qquad$ is fun. I love making dinner for my friend.
6. $\qquad$ is a great way to get fit, but I'm afraid of the water!
7. $\qquad$ is an activity that all animals do. However, did you know that cats sleep for two-thirds of their lives?
8. $\qquad$ cigarettes is very bad for your health.
9. $\qquad$ TV is bad for my eyes. That's what my mother says.
10. $\qquad$ about other people and cultures is fascinating.
11. $\qquad$ is my sister's favorite hobby. She has a great voice.
12. $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ is a serious crime.
13. $\qquad$ is boring! I hate shopping malls!
14. $\qquad$ is not allowed during the exam.
15. $\qquad$ makes me nervous. I prefer traveling by train.

| sleep |
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| eat |
| cook |
| read |
| find |
| sing |
| smoke |
| talk |
| cycle |
| learn |
| fly |
| drink / drive |
| shop |
| swim |
| watch |

Grammar Focus Gerunds used as Subjects
Level Intermediate

## ANSWER KEY

3. Cycling
4. Reading
5. Cooking
6. Swimming
7. Sleeping
8. Smoking
9. Eating
10. Watching
11. Finding
12. Learning
13. Singing
14. Drinking / driving
15. Shopping
16. Talking
17. Flying

## Grades as

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& \mathbf{1 0} / 15=67 \\
& \mathbf{9} / 15=60 \\
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