

## Das Gerund nach Präpositionen

### Bildung

Das Gerund entspricht der "ing-Form", die du schon vom *present progressive* her kennst (I am **going**). Beim Anhängen des -ing gibt es folgende Ausnahmeregeln:

- ein Endkonsonant nach einem kurzen, betonten Vokal wird verdoppelt: *hit* -> *hitting*
- ein -ie am Wortende wird zu y: *lie* -> *lying*
- ein einfaches -e am Wortende fällt weg: *write* -> *writing*
- im britischen Englisch (BE) wird ein l am Wortende immer verdoppelt: *travel* -> *travelling*

### Verben mit Präposition und Gerund (Auswahl!):

decide against	sich gegen etw. entscheiden	<i>We decided against buying the house.</i>
dream about / of	von etw. träumen	<i>He dreams of moving to New York.</i>
feel like	Lust haben auf	<i>I don't feel like going out tonight.</i>
be used to	gewohnt sein an	<i>I'm used to getting up early.</i>
look forward to	sich freuen auf	<i>They look forward to meeting their friends.</i>
stop sb. from sth.	jn. von etw. abhalten	<i>She stopped me from driving drunk</i>
talk about / of	von etw. reden	<i>They talk about meeting later.</i>
think of	über etw. nachdenken	<i>We're thinking of leaving the city.</i>
worry about	sich sorgen über	<i>My dad worries about losing his job.</i>

### Adjektive mit Präposition und Gerund (Auswahl!):

good / bad at	gut / schlecht in	<i>I'm good at playing the piano.</i>
crazy about	verrückt nach	<i>Bob is crazy about ice-skating.</i>
interested in	interessiert an	<i>He's interested in buying the house.</i>
famous for	berühmt für	<i>Neil Armstrong is famous for walking on the moon.</i>
tired of	etw. satt haben	<i>I'm tired of doing all the work!</i>
used to	gewohnt sein an	<i>I'm used to getting up early.</i>
worried about	besorgt über	<i>They are worried about getting lost in the woods.</i>

### EXERCISE 1 Bilde das Gerund dieser Verben.

stop		try	
play		hide	
sing		plan	
die		make	
buy		break	
model		cut	

## Verb + preposition + gerund

**EXERCISE 1** Translate these sentences into German.

- Peter dreams of having his own little shop.
- I'm looking forward to seeing you again!
- Jean talked about meeting Josh for the first time.
- We don't care about getting a good grade on the test.
- Have you bought a present for Mum's birthday? – Not yet, but I'm thinking of getting her a book.
- Come to the beach with us! – No, not today. I don't feel like swimming right now.
- Many kids worry about not finding a job after school.

**EXERCISE 2** Fill in the gerund of the right verb: eat – meet – find – watch – play – have – buy

- She worried about not \_\_\_\_\_ enough money to buy the present.
- Peter was so hungry that he dreamed of \_\_\_\_\_ ice-cream all the way home.
- We must solve this puzzle. – No, I don't think so. I don't really care about \_\_\_\_\_ the answer any more.
- They thought of \_\_\_\_\_ their own house, but they ended up moving into a small apartment.
- The kids talk about \_\_\_\_\_ football.
- Would you like to go to the cinema with me? – No, thanks. I don't feel like \_\_\_\_\_ a movie today.
- She was looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ her favorite author at the event.

**EXERCISE 3** Complete the sentences with your own ideas!

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) I dream of ...          | b) I worry about ...        | c) I look forward to ... |
| d) I (don't) feel like ... | e) I (don't) care about ... | f) I think of ...        |

**EXERCISE 5** Translate the sentences into English!

- Jane träumt davon, ein Star zu sein.
- Er dachte ans Schlafen.
- Ich mache mir Sorgen, den Test nicht zu bestehen (*pass*).
- Wir haben keine Lust zu singen.
- Es ist mir wichtig, meinen Freunden zu helfen.
- Freut ihr euch darauf, nach Mallorca zu fliegen?
- Sie sprechen darüber, einen Hund zu kaufen.

**EXERCISE 6** Without looking at the exercises above, complete these phrases with the right preposition!

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| a) She talks _____ quitting school. | e) They dream _____ having their own house.     |
| b) We dream _____ being famous.     | f) I feel _____ dancing.                        |
| c) He thought _____ calling her.    | g) My grandma worries _____ us catching a cold. |
| d) I don't care _____ being late.   |   |

**Adjective + preposition + gerund****EXERCISE 1** Translate the sentences into German.

- a) Peter is interested in learning Spanish.
- b) I'm crazy about playing basketball.
- c) She's not good at writing.
- d) Are you used to working all day?
- e) Jane is worried about losing her keys.
- f) I'm tired of cleaning the whole house by myself!
- g) This man is famous for climbing Mount Everest.

**EXERCISE 2** Fill in the right verb as a gerund: learn – have – get – play – carry – sing – be

- a) We went to the museum because Peter was interested in \_\_\_\_\_ more about the history of the town.
- b) Let's ask Jane for help! – Do you really think that's a good idea? She is not exactly famous for \_\_\_\_\_ a helpful person!
- c) Hey, Mr Miller is starting a musical club at our school! You should join! – I don't know. I'm a good actor, but I'm really bad at \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Now you can take our bag. I'm tired of \_\_\_\_\_ it all the time.
- e) Let's take an umbrella. – Are you worried about your new dress \_\_\_\_\_ wet?
- f) Unfortunately, we've only got bread and butter for lunch. – Don't worry, I'm used to \_\_\_\_\_ cold lunch.
- g) Let's give Emma a football for her birthday. She is crazy about \_\_\_\_\_ football!

**EXERCISE 3** Translate these sentences into English. Use an adjective + gerund + participle construction.

- a) Sie war berühmt dafür, dass sie armen Leuten geholfen hat.
- b) Er hat es satt, jeden Morgen früh aufzustehen.
- c) Ich kann nicht gut singen.
- d) Wir machen uns Sorgen darüber, den Weg zurück nicht zu finden.
- e) Bist du verrückt danach, auf Konzerte zu gehen?
- f) Du bist daran gewöhnt, nachts zu arbeiten.
- g) Interessiert ihr euch dafür, Rom zu besuchen?

**EXERCISE 4** Without looking at the exercises above, fill in the right preposition!

- a) Are you good \_\_\_\_\_ dancing?
- b) I'm tired \_\_\_\_\_ saying everything twice.
- c) She is crazy \_\_\_\_\_ horseback riding.
- d) Tom is very interested \_\_\_\_\_ joining the club.
- e) Our teacher is really bad \_\_\_\_\_ correcting class tests. It takes him months!
- f) My friend is always worried \_\_\_\_\_ getting sick.
- g) We aren't used \_\_\_\_\_ working this hard.

**Gerunds with prepositions – Mixed Exercises****EXERCISE 1** Fill in the right preposition!

- a) I am good \_\_\_\_\_ climbing.
- b) Katie dreamed \_\_\_\_\_ having her own horse.
- c) My mom always worries \_\_\_\_\_ me not studying enough.
- d) Are you interested \_\_\_\_\_ learning to surf?
- e) He is worried \_\_\_\_\_ not finding a girlfriend.
- f) I don't feel \_\_\_\_\_ going to school today.
- g) The kids are used \_\_\_\_\_ making their own lunch.
- h) He was thinking \_\_\_\_\_ moving to New York.
- i) They were looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ going on holiday.
- j) She is famous \_\_\_\_\_ saving the little boy from the burning house.
- k) I'm tired \_\_\_\_\_ lying to you.
- l) We don't care \_\_\_\_\_ missing the bus.
- m) My sister is crazy \_\_\_\_\_ playing the guitar.
- n) They are talking \_\_\_\_\_ painting the school.
- o) She is really bad \_\_\_\_\_ cooking.

## Lösungen

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die	dying	make	making
buy	buying	break	breaking
model	modelling	cut	cutting

## Verb + preposition + gerund

**EXERCISE 1** a) Peter träumt davon, sein eigenes kleines Geschäft zu haben. b) Ich freue mich darauf, dich (bald) wiederzusehen! c) Jean sprach davon, wie sie Josh zum ersten Mal getroffen hatte. d) Es ist uns nicht wichtig, eine gute Note im Test zu bekommen. e) Hast du schon ein Geschenk für Mamas Geburtstag gekauft? – Noch nicht, aber ich überlege, ihr ein Buch zu schenken. f) Komm mit uns zum Strand. – Nein, nicht heute. Ich habe gerade keine Lust zum Schwimmen. g) Viele Kinder machen sich Sorgen darüber, nach der Schule keinen Job zu finden.

**EXERCISE 2** a) She worried about not **having** enough money to buy the present. b) Peter was so hungry that he dreamed of **eating** ice-cream all the way home. c) We must solve this puzzle. – No, I don't think so. I don't really care about **finding** the answer any more. d) They thought of **buying** their own house, but they ended up moving into a small apartment. e) The kids talk about **playing** football. f) Would you like to go to the cinema with me? – No, thanks. I don't feel like **watching** a movie today. g) She was looking forward to **meeting** her favorite author at the event.

**EXERCISE 3** a) I dream of (winning a nobel prize). b) I worry about (losing my wallet). c) I look forward to (meeting my friends). d) I (don't) feel like (playing computer games right now). e) I (don't) care about (learning a foreign language). f) I think of (going abroad for a year).

**EXERCISE 5** a) Jane dreams of being a star. b) The thought of sleeping. c) I worry about not passing the test. d) We don't feel like singing. e) I care about helping my friends. f) Are you looking forward to flying to Mallorca? g) They talk about getting a dog.

**EXERCISE 6** Without looking at the exercises above, complete these phrases with the right preposition!

- a) She talks **about** quitting school. e) They dream **of** having their own house.  
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## Adjective + preposition + gerund

**EXERCISE 1** a) Peter interessiert sich dafür, Spanisch zu lernen. b) Ich bin verrückt danach, Basketball zu spielen. c) Sie ist nicht gut im Schreiben. d) Bist du daran gewöhnt, den ganzen Tag zu arbeiten? e) Jane macht sich Sorgen darüber, ihre Schlüssel zu verlieren. f) Ich habe es satt, das ganze Haus alleine saubermachen. g) Dieser Mann ist berühmt dafür, dass er den Mount Everest bestiegen hat. This man is famous for climbing Mount Everest.

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**EXERCISE 3** a) She was famous for helping poor people. b) He is sick of getting up early every morning. c) I'm not good at singing. d) We worry about not finding the way back. e) Are you crazy about going to concerts? f) You're used to working at night. g) Are you interested in visiting Rome?

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