

Gerunds

A. Fill in the blanks in these sentences with the **to-infinitive** and **-ing form of the verbs** given in the bracket.

1. My team decided to stop _____ when the opposite team started _____. (play, cheat)
2. Rahi likes _____ music while _____ in the sun. (compose, bask)
3. Are you serious about _____ abroad? (settle)
4. My mother stopped _____ when I told her I wanted _____ pizza. (cook, order)
5. The baby kept _____ despite his mother's attempts _____ him. (cry, soothe)
6. Kritika is talking about _____ her old clothes. (donate)
7. The computer engineer agrees that _____ the computer again is a complicated task. (assemble)

B. Underline the **gerunds** in the following sentences.

1. Abhay is serious about designing a new software.
2. Sumita likes sitting in the balcony while it rains.
3. Speaking in public is what Amar needs to work at urgently.
4. Being alone is a good thing sometimes.
5. Shweta agreed that sleeping for a couple of hours was a good idea.
6. Sanjay enjoys playing the violin.
7. Are you in the habit of drinking coffee in the morning?
8. Making my bed is my least favourite activity.

Answers

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1. My team decided to stop **playing** when the opposite team started **to cheat**. (play, cheat)
2. Rahi likes **to compose** music while **basking** in the sun. (compose, bask)
3. Are you serious about **settling** abroad? (settle)
4. My mother stopped **cooking** when I told her I wanted **to order** pizza. (cook, order)
5. The baby kept **crying** despite his mother's attempts **to soothe** him. (cry, soothe)
6. Kritika is talking about **donating** her old clothes. (donate)
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