

## Gerund Practice

*Rewrite the sentences by using the prepositions in brackets and a gerund.*

1. I don't want to play tennis today. Can't we go swimming? (Instead of)
2. If you stay physically fit, you can improve your emotional well-being too. (by)
3. He became a professional golf player. He never won another medal. (after)
4. You will become a better player if you practise regularly. (by)
5. They went on a cycling tour through Scotland this year. They did not go to Rome. (instead of)
6. He left the team in November. He did not tell the press. (without)
7. We spent three weeks in the Caribbean. Then we sailed to Hawaii. (after)
8. I always take a bottle of water with me when I go cycling. (without)

*Read the sentences and decide whether the infinitive or the gerund is correct. Cross out the wrong form.*

1. I learn new words best by saying/ to say them aloud.
2. To increase my vocabulary, I always try learning/ to learn 20 new words a week.
3. I can concentrate very well after running/ to run 5 miles.
4. I learn new words and expressions best after writing/ to write them down.
5. For me, speaking English on the telephone is easy if I prepare what I want to say before picking up/ to pick up the phone.
6. The advantage to learn/ of learning English in a group is that you can learn a lot from each other.