

FOCUSED PRACTICE**1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR****Part A**

Look back at the reading on pages 300–302. Find and underline the thirty-five gerunds or gerund phrases.

1. feel like preparing

Part B

Could the following sentences from the reading be rewritten using the phrases in parentheses without a meaning change? Why or why not?

1. In fact, each day they continue to do the same thing. (continue doing the same thing)
2. We might conclude that many Americans enjoy being couch potatoes. (enjoy to be couch potatoes)
3. I'll never stop riding until I'm in my grave. (stop to ride)
4. Suppose that at some future time we start engraving on our tombstones, not only the names and the dates of people's births and deaths, but also their hobbies and accomplishments. (start to engrave)

Part C

Are the **-ing** words in each of the following sentences gerunds? Answer **yes** or **no**.

1. Isn't there more to life than being a couch potato? _____
2. If you want to spend your leisure time channel surfing, that's your choice. _____
3. Now they're being built at breakneck speed. _____
4. Participants get a starting time . . . _____
5. These are just three examples of captivating pastimes. _____
6. Aficionados of these hobbies get out and act rather than passively sitting in front of the TV screen. _____

2 ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Grammar Notes 4, 5

Brian Hansen is constantly tired and not satisfied with his life. He has gone to a doctor to see if there is anything physically wrong with him. Fill in the blanks in their conversation with gerunds or infinitives. If both a gerund and an infinitive can be used without a change in meaning, provide both answers.

DOCTOR: Well, Brian, what seems to be the problem?