

## Pinnacle Tutors Brasil- Six common ways to use Vebr+ING

1. The "-ing" form is used in progressive (present continuous) verb tenses with auxiliary verbs (helping verbs). Eg:

- I **am doing** my homework.
- I **have been writing** all day.
- I **was writing** when the pizza arrived.

2. The "-ing" form can function as a noun. These nouns are called gerunds and can be the subject of a clause, followed by a third-person singular (he/she/it). eg-

- **Writing** is an important skill.
- **Hiking** is one of my favourite activities.
- **Reading** before bed helps me fall asleep.

3. The "-ing" noun (or gerund) can be the direct object of certain verbs. Some verbs that are followed by a gerund are the following:

- Admit
- Avoid
- Consider
- Deny
- Discuss
- Practice
- Recall
- Suggest

The main verbs in the following examples are in italics, and the gerunds are bolded:

- He often *avoids* **answering** his phone.
- I *considered* **conducting** semistructured interviews.
- She *suggested* **taking** notes.

4. The "-ing" form can also be used after a preposition. (the prepositions are in italics)

- *Before* **conducting** the research, it is necessary to complete a literature review.
- Her experience *in* **interviewing** will be beneficial.
- He is bad *at* **remembering** appointments.
- They complained *about* **driving** in rush hour.

5. Some adjectives are sometimes formed using "-ing". Eg-

- I read an **interesting** book.
- The **barking** dog was annoying.
- I had an **amazing** vacation in Fernando de Noronha.

6. The "-ing" form is sometimes used to include additional information in a sentence in a reduced relative clause. Eg-

- The woman **wearing** a dress is sitting by the window. (The woman *who is wearing* a dress is sitting by the window.)
- The secret to **living** well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure. (The secret of **living** a well and longer life is to eat half, walk double ...)
- The pens **sitting** on the desk belong to the teacher. (The pens *that are sitting* on the desk belong to the teacher.)

