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NOUN (gerund)

AFTER PREPOSITIONS

- They got in *by* **climbing** over the wall.
- Jane left *without* **saying** a word.
- We ended *up* **inviting** everybody.
- *After* **seeing** the film, I had to agree.
- She keeps *on* **telling** me what to do.
- I gave *up* **smoking** two years ago.
- I'm looking forward *to* **meeting** them.
- She managed to save the cat *from* **drowning**.
- This knife is only *for* **cutting** bread.
- Neil had lunch *before* **leaving** for London.
- He quickly got used *to* **working** at night.

AS THE SUBJECT OF A VERB

- **Cooking** it more slowly will improve the flavour.
- **Smoking** is bad for your health.
- **Pushing** him is not a good idea.
- **Swimming** helps me to relax.
- **Working** here is fun.

AS THE OBJECT OF A VERB

- Would you *mind* **helping** me with this suitcase.
- Tom *denied* **stealing** the money.
- I can't *imagine* **living** in this house.
- Lucy *loves* **shopping**.
- Claire *hates* **waiting** for people.

VERB (present participle)

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

- Bob *is* **playing** his guitar in the garden.

PAST CONTINUOUS

- Lucy *was* **waiting** outside the bus station.

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- They *have been* **working** since 6.00 o'clock.

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- Claire *had been* **studying** French for years.

FUTURE CONTINUOUS

- This time next week we *will be* **lying** in the sun.

FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- Next year I *will have been* **working** here for forty years.

ADJECTIVE (gerund)

- It's a very **interesting** book.
- The film was really **boring**.
- I found an **amusing** card for Neil.
- Those were his **dying** words.
- It was an **embarrassing** situation.

COMPOUND NOUN (gerund)

- They've bought a new **washing** *machine*.
- I can't find my **driving** *license* anywhere.
- You'll need a tent and a **sleeping** *bag*.
- Take a bottle of **drinking** *water* with you.
- These **reading** *glasses* were on offer at the supermarket.

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