

The gerund and the participle present in English

■ Determine whether the underlined word is a gerund or a present participle.		
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	Gerund	Present participle
Q2.	Breaking wine glasses can b	e frustratingly easy.
	Gerund	Present participle
Q3.	What are you doing?	
	Gerund	Present participle
Q4. We should practice saying our lines before the play.		
	Gerund	Present participle
Q5. The problem with doing that is it's impossible!		
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Decide whether to use the gerund or the infinitive in the following sentences.		
Q6.	I wantyou tha	at I love you.
a,) To tell	b) Telling
Q7. We regret that car; now we are in jail!		
a,) To steal	b) Stealing
Q8. I promise my room after the game.		
a,) To clean	b) Cleaning
Q9. The salesman agreed us the lower price.		
a,) To give	b) Giving
Q10. She can't afford a taxi every day.		
a,) To take	b) Taking





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ANSWERS

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