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## Test Your Vocabulary Skills

Fun with -ing Verbs 1

Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence:

1. Roland can't help **annoying** / **helping** his sisters. He doesn't mean to!
2. Ben had never tried **walking** / **skiing** until yesterday afternoon.
3. Jane put off **calling** / **speaking** her aunt until the weekend.
4. Please make sure you wash your hands before **preparing** / **buying** dinner.
5. Tell Laura she looks nice, if you don't want to risk **telling** / **upsetting** her.
6. I can understand you not **trying** / **wanting** to talk about your ex.
7. Eddie decided that **telling** / **knowing** the truth was not always the best course of action.
8. When I first started **working** / **coming** here it was on reception.
9. After **visiting** / **holidaying** in Switzerland last summer, Elaine and Gary have now decided to buy a holiday home there.
10. Because we booked the flight online, we avoided **using** / **paying** the higher price.
11. I enjoy **cycling** / **training**. I'm going to run the London Marathon next month.
12. When pressed by the deputy headmaster, Luke admitted to **holding** / **stealing** his friend's mobile.
13. Would you mind **standing** / **going** so that this lady with a baby can sit down?
14. Joseph's company had long been suspected of **falsifying** / **writing** its accounts.
15. Don't miss **going** / **walking** to the match; it'll be a great day out!

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*Answers:*

1. annoying
2. skiing
3. calling
4. preparing
5. upsetting
6. wanting
7. telling
8. working
9. holidaying
10. paying
11. training
12. stealing
13. standing
14. falsifying
15. going