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Test Your Vocabulary Skills

Fun with -ing Verbs 3

Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence:

1. Oscar put on his CV that his hobbies include **collecting** / **spending** rare coins.
2. I don't think that Halle is capable of **finishing** / **trying** that trifle on her own, do you?
3. "Did you have any problems **finding** / **meeting** us?" "No, it was fine. The directions you gave me were quite straightforward."
4. **Making** / **drinking** tea after it's gone cold isn't my favourite pastime.
5. The main problem around here is teenagers **being** / **having** nowhere to go in the evenings.
6. My brother simply isn't capable of **taking** / **holding** the initiative on anything.
7. Please be honest with me; there's no point **beating** / **running** around the bush.
8. I'm afraid I'm too busy to sit and watch you **waiting** / **getting** your hair cut. See you later!
9. Excuse me; do you know where the **waiting** / **living** room is, please?
10. Hugh felt a little embarrassed about **showing** / **seeing** his grandmother without her teeth in.
11. Turn right at the **swimming** / **playing** pool and the theatre is on your left.
12. **Learning** / **trying** to play the tuba should be a highly rewarding experience!
13. Please will you all just stop **messing** / **walking** about?
14. If you want to get there quickly, **driving** / **running** would be quicker than **going** / **walking**.
15. Barbara always complains about Christmas **shopping** / **buying**, but she enjoys it really.

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Answers:

1. collecting
2. finishing
3. finding
4. drinking
5. having
6. taking
7. beating
8. getting
9. waiting
10. seeing
11. swimming
12. learning
13. messing
14. driving, walking
15. shopping