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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!