

PREPOSITIONS + verb (ing)

# PREP + V ing

➤ If a preposition (in, for, about etc.) is followed by a verb, the verb ends in –ing.

- Are you interested **in** working for us?
- I'm not very good **at** learning maths.
- She must be fed up **with** studying.
- What are the advantages **of** having a car?
- This knife is only **for** cutting bread.
- How **about** studying tomorrow?

- You can also say 'interested in + Ving'  
I am interested **in doing** that exercise.
- Say 'dream of + Ving':  
I've always dreamt **of living** in Tahiti.



## Note the use of the following prepositions + -ING

- **before + -ing and after + -ing:**

**Before going** out, I phoned Sarah

What did you do **after leaving** school?

- **by + -ing (to say how something happens)**

**It answers questions with 'how'**

You can improve your English **by reading** more



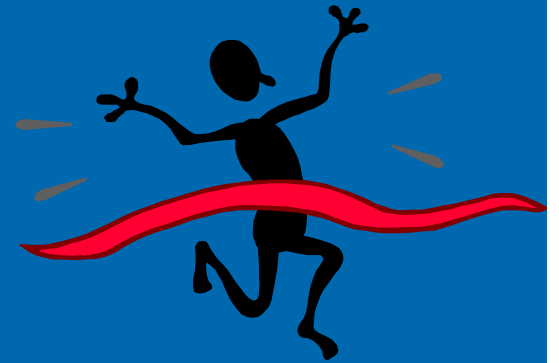
- The preposition **by** + a **gerund** answers questions with how.

Ex. They understood the topic **by** **attending** class.



- **without + Ving**

I ran ten kilometers **without** stopping.



It's nice to go on holiday **without** **having** to worry about money.



# TO (prep)

- **To** is often part of the *infinitive* (**to** do / **to** see):

Would you like **to** play tennis?

- But **to** is also a *preposition*. For example:

I prefer coffee **to** tea.

- If a preposition is followed by a verb, the verb ends in **-ing**

I prefer driving **to** travelling **by** bus.

What do you think **about** going **to** the cinema.

**V + prep + Ving**