



# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 62 – Verb + preposition + -ing  
(succeed in -ing / insist on -ing etc.)



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We use some verbs + preposition + object. For example:

### verb + preposition + object

- EX1: We **talked** **about** the problem.
- EX2: I **apologized** **for** what I said.

If the object is another verb, we use -ing:

**verb**

**preposition**

**-ing**

- EX3: We **talked** **about** going to South America.
- EX4: You should **apologize** **for** not telling the truth.

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You can use these verbs in the same way:

- EX5: approve of                      He doesn't **approve**      **of**                      **swearing**.
- EX6: decide against                We have **decided**      **against**              **moving** to London.
- EX7: dream of                        I wouldn't **dream**      **of**                      **asking** them for money.
- EX8: feel like                         I don't **feel**              **like**                      **going** out tonight.
- EX9: insist on                        They **insisted**            **on**                      **paying** for the meal.
- EX10: look forward to    Are you looking **forward**      **to**                      **going** away?
- EX11: succeed in                    Has Paul **succeeded**      **in**                      **finding** a job yet?
- EX12: think of/about                I'm **thinking**            **of/about**              **buying** a house.

You can also say 'approve of somebody doing something', 'look forward to somebody doing something' etc.

- EX13: I don't **approve of people killing** animals as a sport.
- EX14: We are all **looking forward to Andy coming** home next week.

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## VERB + OBJECT + PREPOSITION + -ING

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Some verbs can have the structure verb + object + preposition + -ing. For example:

### verb + object + preposition + -ing

- EX15: accuse ... of                      He **accused** me **of** **telling** lies.
- EX16: congratulate ... on              We **congratulated** Lisa **on** **winning** the first prize.
- EX17: prevent ... from                What **prevented** you **from** **coming** to see us?
- EX18: stop ... from                    The rain didn't **stop** us **from** **enjoying** our holiday.
- EX19: suspect ... of                    Nobody **suspected** the general **of** **being** a spy.
- EX20: thank ... for                    I **thanked** everyone **for** **helping** me.

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You can say ‘stop somebody doing’ or ‘stop somebody from doing’:

- EX21: You can’t **stop me doing** what I want. or You can’t **stop me from doing** ...

Note this example with not -ing:

- EX22: He **accused me of not telling** the truth.

Some of these verbs are often used in the passive. For example:

- EX23: We **were accused of telling lies**. (or ... accused of lying.)
- EX24: The general **was suspected of being** a spy.

Note that we say ‘apologize to somebody for ...’:

- EX25: I **apologized to them for keeping them waiting**. (not I apologized them)

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## BÀI TẬP NHANH

Select the best answer.

Our neighbors apologized for \_\_\_\_\_ so much noise.

- A. make
- B. to make
- C. making**
- D. made

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## TÓM TẮT

1. Có một số động từ chúng ta có thể sử dụng theo cấu trúc **Verb + Preposition + V -ing**, hoặc **Verb + Preposition + somebody + V -ing**. Một số trong các các động từ này là *approve of, decided against, dream of, feel like, insist on, look forward to, succeed in, think of* hoặc *think about* - *I don't approve of people killing animals as a sport.*
2. Bên cạnh đó, chúng ta cũng có một số động từ chúng ta có thể sử dụng theo cấu trúc **Verb + Object + Preposition + V -ing**. Một số động từ dùng theo cách này là *accuse ... of, congratulate .... on, prevent ... from, stop ... from, suspect ... of, thank ... for* - *He accused me of telling lies.*