**Exercises**

* **Exercise 1: Identify the gerund in each sentence:**
1. "She enjoys swimming in the pool."
2. "Reading is his favorite pastime."
3. "They love hiking in the mountains."
4. "I am interested in learning new languages."
5. "His hobby is playing the guitar."
* **Exercise 2: Rewrite each sentence using a gerund phrase:**

***Original:*** "He enjoys playing tennis."

***Rewrite:*** "His enjoyment comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

***Original:*** "She avoids eating spicy food."

***Rewrite:*** "She steers clear of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

***Original:*** "They finished painting the house."

***Rewrite:*** "Their task was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

***Original:*** "He is interested in learning about astronomy."

***Rewrite:*** "His interest lies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

***Original:*** "She is good at playing the piano."

***Rewrite:*** "Her skill lies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

* **Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with gerunds:**
1. "I can't help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I hear music."
2. "His dream is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the world."
3. "We discussed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new project."
4. "She is considering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a different city."
5. "They are looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new movie."

**Answers:**

**Exercise 1:**

Gerund: swimming

Gerund: reading

Gerund: hiking

Gerund: learning

Gerund: playing

**Exercise 2:**

"His enjoyment comes from playing tennis."

"She steers clear of eating spicy food."

"Their task was finishing painting the house."

"His interest lies in learning about astronomy."

"Her skill lies in playing the piano."

**Exercise 3:**

"I can't help dancing when I hear music."

"His dream is traveling around the world."

"We discussed starting a new project."

"She is considering moving to a different city."

"They are looking forward to watching the new movie."