

**Pronunciation Practice:**

four fur  
court curt  
pore purr  
form firm  
sport spurt  
torn turn  
bored bird  
walk work  
short shirt  
store stir  
warm worm

There are many English words that can be used as both verbs, nouns (gerunds) and adjectives. In the sentences below, I have given examples of words that are normally verbs, but are being used as adjectives. Read the sentence. Underline the “ing” adjective that is usually a verb. Then tell the verb form of the word and use it in a sentence. Examples are provided below.

EX: John made an insulting comment about the meal I prepared.

Verb: insult I insulted her accidentally. She was always insulting him.

EX: That irritating woman is back in class.

Verb: irritate It irritates me that some people are always late. The cast is irritating his arm.

EX: The boy has a troubling past.

Verb: trouble It troubles me that more people are texting while driving. This man is troubling me.

1. This was an amazing meal.
2. We read an amusing story.
3. It was an astounding feat.
4. She is a captivating woman.
5. It was a convincing argument.
6. It's an encouraging sign.
7. We practiced energizing exercises.
8. It was an entertaining movie.
9. Those were exciting times.
10. He gave me a flattering introduction.
11. It was a humiliating experience.
12. What a moving documentary!
13. That is a tempting dessert.
14. The roller coaster is the most thrilling ride in the park.
15. She is the most aggravating person I know.
16. It was a bewildering lecture. I don't know any more about geology now than I did before the lecture.
17. Living here for another year is a depressing possibility.
18. She prepared the most disgusting dip for the party. No one could eat it.
19. Frequent violent riots are a disturbing sign of the times.
20. Being held hostage was a frightening experience.
21. I heard a sickening crunch when the car hit the back of our van.
22. We had an unsettling conference with Tim's teacher. It appears he hasn't turned in any homework.
23. We received another threatening phone call.
24. It was a puzzling problem. We couldn't figure out what to do about it.
25. The annoying flies return each spring to vex us.
26. I took a soothing bath and got in bed.

**Tell:**

Things that soothe you...

Of a depressing possibility in your life...

Some confusing things about English...

About your most thrilling carnival ride...

What type of food is most tempting...

A disturbing sign of the times...

What you do to energize yourself...

About a moving documentary or speech...

A flattering thing someone has told you...

A humiliating experience...

The most disgusting thing you have ever eaten...