

**Separate the hot weather words and expressions from the cold weather words:**

Sweltering, shivering, melting, chilled to the bone, chattering teeth, lips are blue, hotter than hell, blistering, roasting, boiling, icy, nippy, arctic, frosty, burning up, blustery, brisk, biting wind

**Separate the hot personality adjectives from the cold personality adjectives.**

Passionate, offhand, friendly, distant, heartfelt, ardent, earnest, detached, frigid, wholehearted, aloof, inhospitable, tender, cordial, amiable, fiery, welcoming

**Circle the words or expressions that most describe your personality.**

When you are feeling a little sad or depressed, we say, "I'm feeling a little blue today." Describe a time when you felt "blue".

Some synonyms for sad or depressed include: down in the dumps, dejected, glum, melancholy.

Would you agree with this statement: Generally, I am a happy person.

**Pronunciation:** When you have two vowels together in a word, it can be tricky to figure out pronunciation. There are two main ways to pronounce the "ea" combination. "Ea" can be pronounced with a long E sound as in "pea" or with a short E sound as in "spread". Decide which way the following words should be pronounced.

spread	breathe	season	measure	beast	ready
meadow	sweater	teacher	head	stream	bead
eat	pleasure	please	seat	beach	bean
cheap	clean	meat	dream	deaf	disease
treat	lead (show the way)	lead (a metal)	feather	reach	health

However, as in all English pronunciation rules, there are many exceptions. How would you pronounce these words?

create	heard	real	heal	appear	area
wear	tear (as in rip)	tear (as in water from your eyes)	bear	beard	beauty
steak	break	bureau	cheer	clear	heart
earn	earth	fear	gear	swear	idea

**Gerunds are frequently used as objects of a preposition. Put the correct preposition before these gerunds.**

1. Alice isn't interested \_\_\_\_\_ looking for a new job.

2. Henry is excited \_\_\_\_\_ moving to India.
3. You are capable \_\_\_\_\_ doing better work.
4. I have no excuse \_\_\_\_\_ being late.
5. The rain prevented us \_\_\_\_\_ completing the gardening.
6. I apologized to Yoko \_\_\_\_\_ making her wait for me.
7. Everyone participated \_\_\_\_\_ searching for the lost child.
8. Mrs. Smith insisted \_\_\_\_\_ knowing the whole truth.
9. Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ helping me carry my suitcases.
10. She insisted \_\_\_\_\_ staying home with the kids while we went out.
11. He is always complaining \_\_\_\_\_ having a headache.
12. Len isn't used \_\_\_\_\_ wearing a coat and tie to work.
13. Mr. Adams was found guilty \_\_\_\_\_ taking money from the company account.
14. I kept the children \_\_\_\_\_ running in the street.
15. Who is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ washing the dishes after dinner?
16. I thanked Mother \_\_\_\_\_ lending us money for the kids school.
17. Poor health keeps my grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ traveling.
18. I look forward \_\_\_\_\_ going to Spain this summer.
19. They have a good reason \_\_\_\_\_ being suspicious of Tom.
20. I'm not accustomed \_\_\_\_\_ living in a foreign country.

**Which of these gerunds would you choose to go in the blank? Which would your spouse choose?**

I really enjoy going \_\_\_\_\_.

fishing	window shopping	swimming	snorkeling	sledding	skinnydipping
skateboarding	skiing	sightseeing	sailing	mountain climbing	hiking
hunting	jogging	dancing	bowling	birdwatching	camping