

Grade 8 English First Additional Language Worksheet

Language structure: verbs ending on –ing

Sometimes we can use a verb ending in –ing (waiting, walking, singing), and sometimes we cannot. Fill in the correct form of the verb for each of the following. Decide if you will use the verb ending in –ing or not. You also need to decide on the correct form of the rest of the verb.

E.g. I (wait) for the children to finish their essays, so I can go on with the lesson.

Answer: I am waiting for the children to finish their essays, so I can go on with the lesson.

1. I (write) to my cousins to invite them to visit us during the holidays.
2. The children (have) a problem in Maths that they need the teacher to explain.
3. In school, we (write) this exam all morning and now we are tired.
4. The coach (work) at this club for two years and he has been very successful.
5. The singer (want) to end the session early so he can attend his grandmother's birthday party.
6. The farmers (like) the new cattle feed very much.
7. The baby (see) his mother and starts to smile.
8. The patient (see) the dentist yesterday.
9. While Gina (wash) the dishes, her sister (mop) the floor.
10. Our brother never (do) any housework. It makes us so cross.
11. Water (run) downhill.
12. Water (boil) at 100 degrees centigrade at sea level. (12)

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Suggested Solutions

1. I am writing to my cousins to invite them to visit us during the holidays.
2. The children have a problem in Maths that they need the teacher to explain.
3. In school, we have been writing this exam all morning and now we are tired.
4. The coach has been working at this club for two years and he has been very successful.
5. The singer wants to end the session early so he can attend his grandmother's birthday party.
6. The farmers like the new cattle feed very much.
7. The baby sees his mother and starts to smile.
8. The patient saw the dentist yesterday.
9. While Gina is/was washing the dishes, her sister is mopping/mops/mopped/was mopping the floor.
10. Our brother never does any housework. It makes us so cross.
11. Water runs downhill.
12. Water boils at 100 degrees centigrade at sea level.