

Review and Remember 4

Prepositions + -ing

- 1 We can use *by + -ing* and *without + -ing* to describe how to do something.

Examples

Start the machine *by pressing* this button.

I loosened the seat *without using* a hammer.

Use these ideas to make sentences with *by* or *without + -ing*.

- He fixed the light. He replaced the bulb.
- I built the cabinet. I didn't look at the manual.
- They carried the piano up two flights of stairs. They didn't stop.
- I guessed what was in the box. I shook it.
- She managed to remove the cover. She didn't break it.
- We got rid of the smell. We opened the windows.
- I loosened the labels. I squirted them with Mr Fixit.

- 2 There are many other common English expressions where *-ing* follows a preposition. Think of a suitable ending for these sentences. Use an *-ing* form.

- Thank you for ...
- I'm looking forward to ...
- A new restaurant's just opened at the corner. How about ...?
- I think I'll take the train instead of ...
- When I'm really tired, I often feel like ...
- I'm not good at writing in French, but I'm really good at ...
- Our customers generally insist on ...
- I'm thinking of ...

- 3 Compare your answers with a partner. Were any of them similar?

Damage

- 1 Read across, down, and diagonally. Find nineteen words for describing damage in the puzzle.

S	Q	U	A	S	H	E	D	F	X	X	X
C	C	L	O	G	G	E	D	X	L	X	X
R	O	X	X	B	E	N	T	X	A	S	
A	U	B	R	O	K	E	N	X	L	D	T
T	S	X	X	C	H	I	P	E	D	A	
C	T	X	A	T	H	X	Y	T	A	I	
H	Y	R	N	X	X	E	N	O	K	R	N
E	C	R	E	A	S	E	D	R	I	T	E
D	U	S	T	Y	D	X	X	N	N	Y	D
B	C	O	R	R	O	D	E	D	G	X	X

- 2 What could not happen to these things?

Cross out the phrase that does not fit.

- a map *get torn* *get crumpled*
get jammed
- a nail *go flat* *get bent* *go rusty*
- a parcel *get squashed* *get chipped*
get lost
- a shirt *get scorched* *get corroded*
get creased
- a pipe *get dented* *get blocked* *go blunt*
- a filter *get clogged* *go flat* *get dusty*
- a key *get lost* *get cracked* *get bent*
- a shower curtain *go mouldy* *go stale*
get torn

- 3 Look at the words you have crossed out in 2. Think of two or three things that they could refer to.

Example

get cracked – a mirror or a cup could get cracked

- 4 What problem or damage could result if you:

- don't notice the oil pressure warning light in your car is on?
- forget to turn your headlights off when you leave your car?
- leave food out of the fridge?
- don't realize a water tank in the roof is leaking?
- drop a metal knife or fork into a waste disposal unit?
- press clothes with an iron that's too hot?
- spill some coffee on your computer?

How does it work?

- 1 Work in pairs or groups. Choose four words at random from different coloured circles.

Example

glass mobile furniture vibrating

hand-crafted vibrating

shrinking expanding temporary
edible flying collapsible rotating
levitating mechanized musical
inflatable invisible changeable
waterproof

mobile multi-lingual

inexpensive computerized

do-it-yourself transparent artificial

magnetic over-sized battery operated

artificial nuclear powered electric

virtual online edible

machine appliance

instrument equipment vehicle
furniture sound system car clothing
exercise equipment decoration house
tool website security device
safety device

paper foam wooden

rubber concrete neon

metal plastic glass silver steel

wax gold cloth polythene

ceramic

- 2 Put them together to make the name of something.

Example

vibrating glass mobile furniture

Example

It might be a massage chair which can be moved from room to room in a modern beauty salon. Then pick four more words and try again.