

At the Park

(For use with *Everyday Situations for Communicating in English*, Rebecca Rauff and Rudolph Rau)

A. Look at the picture. Find the people in the picture who are doing the following and circle them:

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| having a picnic | walking a dog | riding in a paddleboat |
| squirting water | picking flowers | going to the zoo |
| flying a kite | waiting in line | jogging on a path |
| climbing a tree | listening to a band concert | feeding the park animals |
| listening to a story | buying food | doing pull ups |

B. We can change all of the phrases above into any of the continuous tenses. For example: "having a picnic" can be "We are having a picnic," "They were having a picnic," or "He will be having a picnic." Choose four of the phrases from the list above and change them into a sentence using one of the continuous tenses:

C. We also can use the same phrases in sentences using the verbs as gerunds. Remember that gerunds are verbs that we use like nouns (nouns are often the subject of a sentence). For example: "having a picnic" can be "There is nothing like having a picnic on a beautiful day," or "Having a picnic is great on a sunny spring day." Choose four different phrases from the list above and change them into a sentence using a gerund:

D. Work with a partner. Find four other activities that you do not see on the list in part A. Write the phrases below:

On the back of this paper, re-write your phrases into sentences using the verbs as gerunds

E. Vocabulary

balloon	fountain	helmet	paddleboat	pond	statue
bicycle	flower	kite	park bench	roller skate	tennis racket
bush	frisbee	lawn chair	path	skateboard	toy sailboat
chin-up bar	grass	leaf	picnic table	snackbar	tree

F. What Are They Saying?

The man in the blue shirt and brown slacks is talking to his son. Practice their conversation with a partner:

Boy: Hey, Dad! Look at those cool balloons! Can I have one?

Dad: I don't think you need a balloon, Stuart.

Boy: Aw c'mon, Dad. I really like the blue one with the dolphin on it.

Dad: We just bought you that hat with the moose antlers, Stuart. I'm not buying you anything else today.

Boy: But the balloons are only \$1.50!

Dad: I said, "no." Now, do you want to go to the zoo or stay out here and listen to the band?

Boy: Let's go to the zoo. I can't stand that music.

Dad: Oh Stuart, there's nothing wrong with jazz music. Your mother and I really enjoy it.

Boy: Let's go, Dad, I want to look at the bears.

G. Now choose one of the following (10 points):

Choose two situations below and work with your partner to change the conversation above. Add two more lines the dialogue:

- Stuart likes the purple balloon with the bear on it.
- Stuart's dad tells him he can buy a balloon with his own money
- Stuart already spent all of his money
- Stuart says he will listen to the band for a few minutes

Write your own dialogue for any person you see in the picture. Your dialogue must be at least 12 lines long.