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Test Your Vocabulary Skills

Fun with -ing Verbs 4

Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence:

1. Did you know that Bob actually went to court for **watching** / **having** TV without a licence?
2. Would you mind **being** / **talking** quiet, please? We're trying to watch the news.
3. When Barry has done the washing up and tidied up in the kitchen, he enjoys **spending** / **making** time with his children.
4. Sita has real problems **drawing** / **remembering** maths equations.
5. Your not **going** / **wanting** to tell Mr. Lee about **damaging** / **replacing** his car is understandable, but you've got to!
6. Betsy and Alan are very keen on **attending** / **driving** car boot sales.
7. Simon Cowell is famous for **speaking** / **making** rude comments to contestants on *X Factor* and *American Idol*.
8. We didn't tell you about the burglary because we were too afraid of **getting** / **losing** our jobs.
9. If it's a straight choice between **flying** / **travelling** and **arranging** / **catching** a train, then I'd rather fly, whenever possible.
10. Catherine apologised for **upsetting** / **chatting** her mum at lunchtime.
11. Are you interested in **taking** / **going** to the theatre one night next week?
12. If you have any problems **listening** / **ordering** our new CD, please email us.
13. "Good morning. What can I do for you?" "Hello, I'm **wanting** / **looking** to open a new savings account."
14. I don't like "**Dancing** / **Singing** Queen". I prefer ABBA's later stuff.
15. Carol warned her uncle against **selling** / **buying** a second-hand PC, but he bought one anyway.

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Answers:

1. watching
2. being
3. spending
4. remembering
5. wanting, damaging
6. attending
7. making
8. losing
9. flying, catching
10. upsetting
11. going
12. ordering
13. looking
14. Dancing
15. buying

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