

Describing Problems II

- ❑ A **gerund** follows the verb **keep** when it refers to a repetitive action.
- ❑ A **gerund** also follows the verb **need**.
- ❑ **Need** with **the passive** means the same thing.

| Keep + gerund | Need + gerund | Need + passive infinitive |
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| Everything keeps burning . The alarm keeps going off . | The oven needs adjusting . The alarm needs fixing . | It needs to be adjusted . It needs to be fixed . |

Write sentences about what has to be done in the apartment, using need with gerunds or passive infinitives.

1. the walls (paint)
2. the rug (clean)
3. the windows (wash)
4. the clothes (pick up)
5. the lamp shade (replace)
6. the wastebasket (empty)
7. the ceiling fan (adjust)
8. the plant (water)

| Need + gerund | Need + passive infinitive |
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| 1. _____. | 1. _____. |
| 2. _____. | 2. _____. |
| 3. _____. | 3. _____. |
| 4. _____. | 4. _____. |
| 5. _____. | 5. _____. |
| 6. _____. | 6. _____. |
| 7. _____. | 7. _____. |
| 8. _____. | 8. _____. |
| 9. _____. | 9. _____. |
| 10. _____. | 10. _____. |