

Verb + Gerund

Conversation

Sandra: You know how my brother always laughs at me when I watch reality shows? Well, last night he was watching *Hunting Heroes*.

Rick: Seriously? That has to be the worst reality show in the world! Who would want to watch a bunch of guys hunting wild birds and animals?

Sandra: Yeah, I have trouble understanding why people waste their time watching shows like that.

Rick: I've seen you watching other reality shows though.

Sandra: Sure. I like some of the competition ones, like *The Voice* and *Project Runway*. It's interesting to observe the competitors going through the process of learning and growing in their field. You can just feel their confidence increasing every time they pass another round. I could spend my life watching those!

Rick: Not me. I can't sit at home watching tv. I have more fun doing outdoor activities.



Verbs followed by a gerund

An object and a gerund often follow verbs of perception.

Form

Have + object + gerund

(1) _____
(2) _____

Verb of perception + object + gerund

(3) _____
(4) _____
(5) _____
(6) _____

Spend/waste + expression of time + gerund

(7) _____
(8) _____

Sit/stand/lie + expression of place + gerund

(9) _____

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Practice

Complete the questions with appropriate verbs in the correct form. There may be more than one possible option. You may have to turn some verbs into gerund. Then , answer the questions.

see	understand	spend	sit	hear	have	lie	waste	watch
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1. Do you enjoy _____ around watching tv, or do you prefer to be more active?

1. In general, how much time do you _____ watching tv everyday?

2. What do you _____ the most fun doing?

3. What do you hate to _____ time doing?

4. Do you like _____ people compete on reality shows? If so, which ones?

5. How would you complete this statement? I have a hard time _____ why people watch...

6. On reality shows, you often _____ people behaving badly. Do you think shows like that are a bad influence on society? Why or why not?

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