

STEP B1 - GERUNDS

Complete the sentences with the gerund of the verbs for you. Then compare your answers.

- 1 Writing _____ English is harder than speaking _____ it. (speak, write)
- 2 _____ is more fun than _____ . (chat online, talk on the phone)
- 3 _____ is more exciting than _____ . (bungee jump, scuba dive)
- 4 _____ is more interesting than _____ . (study for tests, see your relatives)

Complete the article with the gerund form of the verbs. Then match the gerunds 1–6 with the uses a–c.

¹ Visiting _____ (visit) Australia was Eric's dream. There was just one problem: he was really frightened of ² _____ (fly).
³ _____ (take) a boat wasn't an option because the journey took 40 days and cost \$4,000!
Eric's teacher suggested ⁴ _____ (learn) more about planes to help with his phobia, and gave him a book. After ⁵ _____ (study) the science of flying, Eric understood how planes work and why they're safe.
Eric flew to Australia a year later and now he loves ⁶ _____ (travel) by plane. "We're often frightened of things that we don't understand," he says. "All I needed was the right information."

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| a Gerund as a subject | <u>1</u> _____ |
| b Gerund after some verbs | _____ |
| c Gerund after a preposition | _____ |