

G uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

V verbs + gerund

P -ing, the letter o

## 1 VOCABULARY verbs + gerund

## a Match sentences 1–5 to a–e.

- 1 He hates doing housework. c
- 2 He feels like going for a run.
- 3 He doesn't mind cooking all the meals.
- 4 He's stopped playing football.
- 5 He loves being with his friends.

- a He doesn't do it any more.
- b It isn't a problem for him to do it.
- c ~~He really doesn't like it.~~
- d He wants to do it now.
- e He really likes it.

## b Circle the correct words.

- 1 Jenny never goes to parties because she *doesn't mind* / doesn't enjoy meeting new people.
- 2 Please don't *start* / *go on* eating until everyone has their food.
- 3 I can go with you, but I need to *stop* / *spend* an hour doing homework first.
- 4 My dad always gets to the airport very early because he *hates* / *loves* arriving late.
- 5 I really *start* / *love* taking photos. It's probably my favourite hobby.
- 6 My brother doesn't do much sport, but he *spends* / *likes* watching it on TV.
- 7 Let's hire a car when we get there. I *don't mind* / *don't like* driving.
- 8 I'm going to *go on* / *stop* studying English next year. I'm really enjoying the classes.
- 9 I don't *like* / *feel like* going out tonight. I'm too tired.
- 10 A Why did you *stop* / *start* going to the gym?  
B It was too boring!

## 2 GRAMMAR uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

## a Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I hate being (be) late for meetings. I think it's really rude.
- 2 We stopped            (study) German because we didn't like the classes.
- 3 James is celebrating because he's finished            (write) his book.
- 4 I'm bored. I feel like            (go) for a walk.
- 5 I don't mind            (get) up early in the morning.
- 6 Kate really enjoys            (listen) to music while she's running.



## b Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

- 1 Do you ever think about c
  - 2 Read the instructions before
  - 3 He started his speech by
  - 4 I'm not very good at
  - 5 Miriam left the party without
  - 6 I'm really looking forward to
- a using the machine for the first time.
  - b seeing you tonight.
  - c ~~stopping work and retiring?~~
  - d thanking everybody for coming.
  - e saying goodbye to me.
  - f parking my dad's car. It's very big.

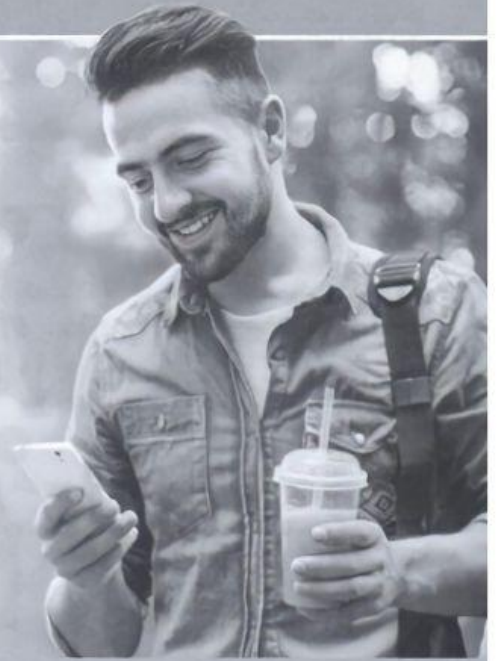
c Complete the text with the -ing form of the verbs from the list.

drive feel go have imagine leave listen not get up  
not talk read send stay take turn off walk work write

# What makes you feel good?

We asked our readers, and here's what they said.

- <sup>1</sup> Writing and then <sup>2</sup> sending a funny email or message to my friends. And of course, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ their faces when they read it.
- I really like <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my car at night when there's no traffic, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to my favourite music. I feel completely free.
- <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in bed on Sunday morning and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ until about 12 and then <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for a long walk.
- I enjoy <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the gym and really <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard, then <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a long hot shower followed by a nice cold drink. There's nothing better.
- I love <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ alone in the mountains, <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the wind in my hair and <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone.
- <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my computer at the end of the day and <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ work! It's the best moment of the day. I love it!



d How do you feel about the following activities?

Circle the best answer for you, a, b, or c.

1 Going to the gym

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

2 Chatting to my friends on social media

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

3 Being alone

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

4 Walking on the beach

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

5 Going shopping for clothes

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

6 Getting up late

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

e Use your answers in d to write sentences. Say what you love, don't mind, or hate doing.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ going to the gym.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ chatting to my friends on social media.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 PRONUNCIATION -ing, the letter o

a 7.2 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 There's nothing to eat.
- 2 This film is really \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I hate \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 We're \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon.
- 5 What are you \_\_\_\_\_?

b 7.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences.

c 7.3 Listen to four sentences. Write the number of the sentence next to the correct picture.



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