

# UNIT 1 WHO ARE YOU?

## THE GERUND

The gerund is used like a noun: **Smoking** is bad for you.  
Do you like **watching** TV?  
She's good at **swimming**.

- It is formed by adding **-ing** to the infinitive:

go – **going**

stay – **staying**

The negative is formed by adding '**not**':

Would you mind **not smoking**?

NOTE: the changes that are sometimes necessary:

lie – **lying** (ie → y)

take – **taking** (single e: 'e' is omitted)

sit – **sitting** (single vowel + single consonant →  
→ single vowel + **double** consonant)

### 1 A. Write the ing-forms of these verbs.

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| do <u>doing</u> | run _____ |
| play _____      | lie _____ |
| travel _____    | fly _____ |
| ride _____      | try _____ |
| swim _____      | get _____ |

### B. Fill in the gaps using the gerunds from the Task A.

Use each verb once only.

- 1 She likes running every morning before breakfast.
- 2 After \_\_\_\_\_ my homework, I usually watch TV.