

# *-ing* forms as subjects, objects etc *Smoking is bad for you*

We often use *-ing* forms as **subjects** – more often than infinitives.

*Smoking is bad for you.* (More natural than *To smoke is bad for you.*)

We can also use *-ing* forms as **complements** after *be*.

*My favourite activity is reading.*

An *-ing* form can have its own object.

*Smoking cigarettes is bad for you.*

*My favourite activity is reading detective stories.*

And we can use *-ing* forms as **objects** after some verbs

*I hate packing. I like watching ice-hockey.*

## 1 Complete the sentences with *-ing* forms of the verbs in the box.

answer	climb	drink	forget	hear	learn	lie	pay	say	ski	type	watch
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| 1 ..... too much alcohol is very bad for you.            | 6 ..... languages is hard work.                                |
| 2 I don't like ..... bills.                              | 7 I hate ..... goodbye.  |
| 3 He really enjoys ..... his own voice.                  | 8 ..... is sometimes better than remembering.                  |
| 4 What's wrong with ..... in bed all day?                | 9 ..... animals can teach you a lot.                           |
| 5 Her favourite sports are ..... and<br>..... mountains. | 10 'What's your job?' ' ..... the phone and<br>..... letters.' |

## 2 Complete the sentence with *-ing* forms. (Write about yourself.)

My favourite activities are .....

## 3 Complete the sentences using the gerund form of the words in the box.

do	listen	sit	shop	be	ski	ride
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| 1 ..... a horse is difficult the first time you do it – then it gets easier. | 4 ..... is great fun but you need to have all the right equipment.      |
| 2 I really enjoy ..... to music alone in my room.                            | 5 My sister can't stand ..... for clothes – she makes me do it for her! |
| 3 Freddy doesn't like ..... at the front of the class.                       | 6 We all hate ..... the dishes in our house!                            |
|  | 7 ..... the worst student in the class is not funny at all!             |

After these verbs, we use the **-ing forms of other verbs**:

avoid   can't face   can't help   can't stand   deny   feel like   imagine   miss   postpone  
put off   risk   succeed in   suggest   think of

*I can't face telling the boss that I'm leaving.   Do you feel like going out tonight?*

*He's a bit strange, but you can't help liking him.   Imagine being able to read minds!*

*I succeeded in annoying everybody. (NOT ~~I succeeded to annoy~~ ...)*

*The doctor suggested taking a break from work. (NOT ... ~~suggested to take~~ ...)*

*We're thinking of moving to Scotland. (NOT ~~We're thinking to move~~ ...)*

#### 4 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box. Use **-ing forms**.

ask   be   cook   go to sleep   listen to   lose   make   pass   plan see   spend   study   wake up   work
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- 1 I don't feel like ..... this evening. Let's get a takeaway.
- 2 I just can't help ..... in lectures.
- 3 Imagine ..... married to her!
- 4 I'll miss ..... with you when I change my job.
- 5 Don't put off ..... the doctor. It could be something serious.
- 6 My brother succeeded in ..... his driving test at the eighth attempt.
- 7 Try to avoid ..... the whole house when you come in tonight, can you?
- 8 If you put your money in John's business, you'll risk ..... everything.
- 9 Stay off the motorway and you'll avoid ..... hours stuck in traffic.
- 10 Can you talk to Patrick? I just can't face ..... his problems again.
- 11 I asked Peter for some advice, and he suggested ..... you.
- 12 I'm thinking of ..... Japanese.
- 13 All three men denied ..... to rob the bank.
- 14 We'll postpone ..... a decision until we know what Margaret thinks.

#### 5 Complete the sentences using gerunds.

..... is something I really love

..... is something I really hate.

I can't stand .....

I'm looking forward to .....

I love .....

I don't like .....

## VOCABULARY money

a Complete the sentences with the correct verb in brackets.

- 1 My sister wastes a lot of money on clothes she never wears. (wastes / saves)
- 2 I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a flat of my own. (pay / afford)
- 3 You'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money if you want to travel around the world next year. (cost / save)
- 4 Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ about €1,000 a month in his new job. (wins / earns)
- 5 That painting \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money. (charges / is worth)
- 6 My uncle is doing a bike ride to \_\_\_\_\_ money for charity. (raise / save)
- 7 We still \_\_\_\_\_ the bank a lot of money. (owe / earn)
- 8 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ £5,000 from her grandfather when he died. (inherited / invested)
- 9 The plumber \_\_\_\_\_ me €100 for mending my shower. (cost / charged)
- 10 Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me \$200 until I get paid? (borrow / lend)

b Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 I'll pay for the meal if you get the drinks.
- 2 They charged us €5 \_\_\_\_\_ a bottle of water.
- 3 They got \_\_\_\_\_ debt when they bought their new house.
- 4 We've borrowed some money \_\_\_\_\_ my parents.
- 5 My grandparents always pay \_\_\_\_\_ cash.
- 6 I don't mind lending money \_\_\_\_\_ family.
- 7 They spent a lot of money \_\_\_\_\_ their son's education.
- 8 Can I pay \_\_\_\_\_ credit card?
- 9 If I lend you the money, when can you pay me \_\_\_\_\_?
- 10 Phil invested all his money \_\_\_\_\_ his own company.

c Complete the advertisement with the words in the box.

bank account bills cash machine loan  
mortgage note salary tax



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