

# -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.
- 2 I don't like ..... bills.
- 3 He really enjoys ..... his own voice.
- 4 What's wrong with ..... in bed all day?
- 5 Her favourite sports are ..... and ..... mountains.
- 6 ..... languages is hard work.
- 7 I hate ..... goodbye.
- 8 ..... is sometimes better than remembering.
- 9 ..... animals can teach you a lot.
- 10 'What's your job?' ' ..... the phone and ..... 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.
- 2 I really enjoy ..... to music alone in my room.
- 3 Freddy doesn't like ..... at the front of the class.

- 4 ..... is great fun but you need to have all the right equipment.
- 5 My sister can't stand ..... for clothes – she makes me do it for her!
- 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

- 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 afford to buy a flat of my own. (pay / afford)
- 3 You'll have to spend a lot of money if you want to travel around the world next year. (cost / save)
- 4 Kevin earns about €1,000 a month in his new job. (wins / earns)
- 5 That painting costs a lot of money. (charges / is worth)
- 6 My uncle is doing a bike ride to raise money for charity. (raise / save)
- 7 We still owe the bank a lot of money. (owe / earn)
- 8 Mary inherited £5,000 from her grandfather when he died. (inherited / invested)
- 9 The plumber charged me €100 for mending my shower. (cost / charged)
- 10 Can you borrow 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 for a bottle of water.
- 3 They got into debt when they bought their new house.
- 4 We've borrowed some money from my parents.
- 5 My grandparents always pay in cash.
- 6 I don't mind lending money to family.
- 7 They spent a lot of money on their son's education.
- 8 Can I pay with credit card?
- 9 If I lend you the money, when can you pay me back?
- 10 Phil invested all his money in 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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