

## Verb + Gerund

### Conversation

**Sandra:** You know how my brother always laughs at me when I watch reality shows? Well, last night he was watching *Hunting Heroes*.

**Rick:** Seriously? That has to be the worst reality show in the world! Who would want to watch a bunch of guys hunting wild birds and animals?

**Sandra:** Yeah, I have trouble understanding why people waste their time watching shows like that.

**Rick:** I've seen you watching other reality shows though.

**Sandra:** Sure. I like some of the competition ones, like *The Voice* and *Project Runway*. It's interesting to observe the competitors going through the process of learning and growing in their field. You can just feel their confidence increasing every time they pass another round. I could spend my life watching those!

**Rick:** Not me. I can't sit at home watching tv. I have more fun doing outdoor activities.



### Verbs followed by a gerund

An object and a gerund often follow verbs of perception.

#### Form

Have + object + gerund

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Verb of perception + object + gerund

(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_

Spend/waste + expression of time + gerund

(7) \_\_\_\_\_  
(8) \_\_\_\_\_

Sit/stand/lie + expression of place + gerund

(9) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Practice

Complete the questions with appropriate verbs in the correct form. There may be more than one possible option. You may have to turn some verbs into gerund. Then , answer the questions.

see	understand	spend	sit	hear	have	lie	waste	watch
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1. Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ around watching tv, or do you prefer to be more active?

1. In general, how much time do you \_\_\_\_\_ watching tv everyday?

2. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the most fun doing?

3. What do you hate to \_\_\_\_\_ time doing?

4. Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ people compete on reality shows? If so, which ones?

5. How would you complete this statement? I have a hard time \_\_\_\_\_ why people watch...

6. On reality shows, you often \_\_\_\_\_ people behaving badly. Do you think shows like that are a bad influence on society? Why or why not?

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### Now you do it

Write two sentences in each form.

Example: I have fun watching "*Say yes to the dress*".

#### Form

Have + object + gerund	(10) _____ (11) _____
Verb of perception + object + gerund	(12) _____ (13) _____
Spend/waste + expression of time + gerund	(14) _____ (15) _____
Sit/stand/lie + expression of place + gerund	(16) _____ (17) _____

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### Speaking Practice

We're gonna have two teams, one against reality shows and one on favour of them. We're going to write the best reasons given for each opinion below:

Against

In favour

### Let's play kahoot.

Choose gerund, infinitive or either.

### Writing Practice

Invent your own reality show. What would it be about?

