

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

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?

