

## STEP B1 - GERUNDS

Complete the sentences with the gerund of the verbs for you. Then compare your answers.

- 1 Writing \_\_\_\_\_ English is harder than speaking \_\_\_\_\_ it. (speak, write)
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ is more fun than \_\_\_\_\_. (chat online, talk on the phone)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is more exciting than \_\_\_\_\_. (bungee jump, scuba dive)
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ is more interesting than \_\_\_\_\_. (study for tests, see your relatives)

Complete the article with the gerund form of the verbs. Then match the gerunds 1–6 with the uses a–c.

<sup>1</sup> Visiting \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Australia was Eric's dream. There was just one problem: he was really frightened of <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fly).  
<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a boat wasn't an option because the journey took 40 days and cost \$4,000!  
Eric's teacher suggested <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) more about planes to help with his phobia, and gave him a book. After <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (study) the science of flying, Eric understood how planes work and why they're safe.  
Eric flew to Australia a year later and now he loves <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) by plane. "We're often frightened of things that we don't understand," he says. "All I needed was the right information."

- a Gerund as a subject                    1 \_\_\_\_\_  
b Gerund after some verbs            \_\_\_\_\_  
c Gerund after a preposition        \_\_\_\_\_