

G uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

V verbs + gerund

P -ing, the letter o

1 VOCABULARY verbs + gerund

a Match sentences 1–5 to a–e.

- 1 He hates doing housework. c
- 2 He feels like going for a run.
- 3 He doesn't mind cooking all the meals.
- 4 He's stopped playing football.
- 5 He loves being with his friends.

- a He doesn't do it any more.
- b It isn't a problem for him to do it.
- c ~~He really doesn't like it.~~
- d He wants to do it now.
- e He really likes it.

b Circle the correct words.

- 1 Jenny never goes to parties because she *doesn't* mind / doesn't enjoy meeting new people.
- 2 Please don't start / go on eating until everyone has their food.
- 3 I can go with you, but I need to stop / spend an hour doing homework first.
- 4 My dad always gets to the airport very early because he hates / loves arriving late.
- 5 I really start / love taking photos. It's probably my favourite hobby.
- 6 My brother doesn't do much sport, but he spends / likes watching it on TV.
- 7 Let's hire a car when we get there. I don't mind / don't like driving.
- 8 I'm going to go on / stop studying English next year. I'm really enjoying the classes.
- 9 I don't like / feel like going out tonight. I'm too tired.
- 10 A Why did you stop / start going to the gym?
 B It was too boring!

2 GRAMMAR uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

a Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I hate being (be) late for meetings. I think it's really rude.
- 2 We stopped (study) German because we didn't like the classes.
- 3 James is celebrating because he's finished (write) his book.
- 4 I'm bored. I feel like (go) for a walk.
- 5 I don't mind (get) up early in the morning.
- 6 Kate really enjoys (listen) to music while she's running.



b Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

- 1 Do you ever think about c
 - 2 Read the instructions before
 - 3 He started his speech by
 - 4 I'm not very good at
 - 5 Miriam left the party without
 - 6 I'm really looking forward to
- a using the machine for the first time.
 - b seeing you tonight.
 - c ~~stopping work and retiring?~~
 - d thanking everybody for coming.
 - e saying goodbye to me.
 - f parking my dad's car. It's very big.

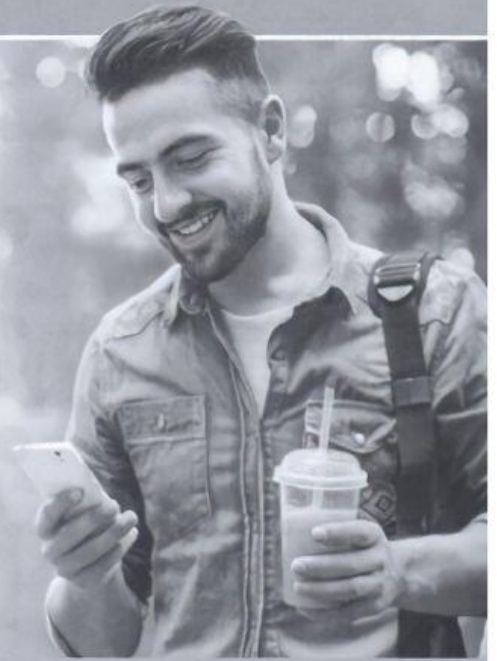
c Complete the text with the -ing form of the verbs from the list.

drive feel go have imagine leave listen not get up
not talk read send stay take turn off walk work write

What makes you feel good?

We asked our readers, and here's what they said.

- ¹ Writing and then ² sending a funny email or message to my friends. And of course, ³ _____ their faces when they read it.
- I really like ⁴ _____ my car at night when there's no traffic, ⁵ _____ to my favourite music. I feel completely free.
- ⁶ _____ in bed on Sunday morning and ⁷ _____ the newspaper. ⁸ _____ until about 12 and then ⁹ _____ my dog for a long walk.
- I enjoy ¹⁰ _____ to the gym and really ¹¹ _____ hard, then ¹² _____ a long hot shower followed by a nice cold drink. There's nothing better.
- I love ¹³ _____ alone in the mountains, ¹⁴ _____ the wind in my hair and ¹⁵ _____ to anyone.
- ¹⁶ _____ my computer at the end of the day and ¹⁷ _____ work! It's the best moment of the day. I love it!



d How do you feel about the following activities?

Circle the best answer for you, a, b, or c.

1 Going to the gym

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

2 Chatting to my friends on social media

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

3 Being alone

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

4 Walking on the beach

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

5 Going shopping for clothes

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

6 Getting up late

a 😊 b 😐 c 😞

e Use your answers in d to write sentences. Say what you love, don't mind, or hate doing.

- 1 I _____ going to the gym.
- 2 I _____ chatting to my friends on social media.
- 3 I _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

3 PRONUNCIATION -ing, the letter o

a 7.2 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 There's nothing to eat.
- 2 This film is really _____.
- 3 I hate _____.
- 4 We're _____ this afternoon.
- 5 What are you _____?

b 7.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences.

c 7.3 Listen to four sentences. Write the number of the sentence next to the correct picture.



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