

UNIT 1 WHO ARE YOU?

THE GERUND

The gerund is used like a noun: **Smoking** is bad for you.

Do you like **watching** TV?

She's good at **swimming**.

- It is formed by adding **-ing** to the infinitive:

go – **going**

stay – **staying**

The negative is formed by adding '**not**':

Would you mind **not smoking**?

NOTE: the changes that are sometimes necessary:

lie – **lying** (**ie** → **y**)

take – **taking** (single **e**: 'e' is omitted)

sit – **sitting** (single vowel + single consonant →
→ single vowel + **double** consonant)

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A. Write the ing-forms of these verbs.

do doing

run _____

play _____

lie _____

travel _____

fly _____

ride _____

try _____

swim _____

get _____

B. Fill in the gaps using the gerunds from the Task A.

Use each verb once only.

1 She likes running every morning before breakfast.

2 After _____ my homework, I usually watch TV.