

## Unit 2: Working 9 to 5.

Watch this video to review how we can use gerunds.



Listen to the audio and  
write the missing word.



### Gerund phrases as subjects

**Playing** games all day would be lots of fun.

**Becoming** a flight attendant sounds exciting.

**Buying** clothes is not a man's job.

**Working** as a veterinarian could be rewarding.



If the gerund is after the verb, then it's as an object.



## Gerund phrases as objects

She'd be good at **games**.

He'd love **flight attendant**.

He wouldn't like **a fashion designer**.

She'd enjoy **with animals**.

Combine columns A, B, and C to write sentences.

### A

1. working from home
2. doing volunteer work
3. having your own business
4. working on a movie set
5. being a teacher
6. making a living as a tour guide
7. taking care of sick people
8. retiring at age 40

### B

seems  
could be  
would be  
must be  
wouldn't be  
doesn't sound

### C

awful  
stressful  
fantastic  
fascinating  
pretty difficult  
kind of boring  
really rewarding  
very challenging

Example: Being a teacher must be really rewarding.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the sentences with the GERUND of a verb from the box.

✓ **become**   **have**   **make**   **stand**   **travel**  
**change**   **learn**   **solve**   **take**   **work**

1. My brother's very interested in becoming a flight attendant.  
He dreams about traveling to new places.
2. I'm excited about taking a Japanese class next semester.  
I enjoy learning languages.
3. You wouldn't like working in a restaurant. You'd get tired of standing on your feet throughout the long shifts!
4. Our teacher is very good at solving problems. Maybe she should think about changing careers to become a guidance counselor.
5. Having a living as a photographer could be challenging.  
Making an impressive portfolio is really important to attract new clients and employers.

Listen and pronounce these phrases.



1. I'd get tired of . . .



2. I'd be interested in . . .



3. I'd be very excited about . . .



4. I'd enjoy . . .



5. I think I'd be good at . . .



6. I wouldn't be very good at . . .

