

Read these opinions and find 14 verbs and verb phrases that take the gerund. The first three have been done for you.

"I **am terrified of** flying. I think it's too dangerous. My brother and his family live far away and I **miss** seeing them, but I don't want to **risk** dying in a plane crash."

Yuri, Japan

"I love cooking. I've been interested in cooking since I was a child. At first I was really bad at making bread, but I kept on trying and now I'm the head baker at a restaurant in Paris. My philosophy on life is 'Never give up!'"

Léon, France

"Imagine speaking to everyone you meet in their own language. Wouldn't that be great? If you ask me, everyone should spend time learning a foreign language. I'm thinking about taking up Spanish next!"

Agnieszka, Poland

"I dreamed of being a baseball player when I was young, but I gave up playing when I was 16. I've always regretted doing that. I think you should never stop following your dream."

Deven, India

Complete each conversation using a preposition.

1. "I don't really feel like going to this party, you know."
"Well, why did you insist being invited, then?"
2. "How long have you been scared spiders?"
"All my life!"
3. "Have you forgiven me forgetting our anniversary yet?"
"Hmm ... I'm not sure."
4. "I'm tired doing the same thing every day."
"I know how you feel."
5. "I'm worried I can't finish this on time."
"Well, let's spend some time it now and do what we can."
6. "Do you think I'll pass the exam?"
"Of course you will. You have nothing to panic .

c Match the phrases to make sentences.

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| 1 I'm pretty worried | a at painting. |
| 2 They accused me | b for learning English. |
| 3 Travel is my main reason | c about taking my driving test. |
| 4 My friend Helen is excellent | d with the bad weather. |
| 5 We were all fed up | e of stealing money. |