

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.