

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 studying (study) German because we didn't like the classes.
- 3 James is celebrating because he's finished writing (write) his book.
- 4 I'm bored. I feel like going (go) for a walk.
- 5 I don't mind getting (get) up early in the morning.
- 6 Kate really enjoys listening (listen) to music while she's running.



b Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

- 1 Do you ever think about seeing c
 - 2 Read the instructions before using a
 - 3 He started his speech by thanking d
 - 4 I'm not very good at saying e
 - 5 Miriam left the party without stopping c
 - 6 I'm really looking forward to seeing b
- 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!

