

The Gerund

- a Talk to a partner. Is there a book, a film, or a song that makes you feel happy? What is it?
- b Read about *Happiness is...*, and look at the Instagram posts. Choose the ones you agree with, then compare with a partner.
- c Look at the first cartoon. Which verb form do we use after the verb 'finish'?

HAPPINESS IS



...when a song ends the exact moment you finish parking.

HAPPINESS IS



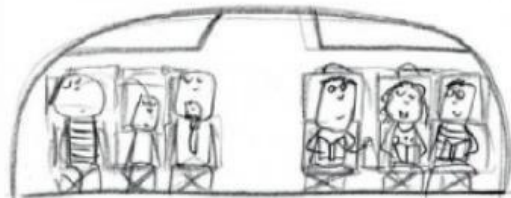
...a free coffee refill without asking.

HAPPINESS IS



...fitting in to jeans that you haven't worn for a very long time, and THEN, finding money in one of the pockets.

HAPPINESS IS



...sitting next to someone nice on a plane.

HAPPINESS IS



...finding a delicious food with no calories or fat or cholesterol.

HAPPINESS IS



...landing in a new country.

HAPPINESS IS



...reading a really good book
and then finding
it's a series.

HAPPINESS IS



...finding the other ear ring.

HAPPINESS IS



...not having to set
the alarm for the next day.

Illustrators **Ralph Lazar** and **Lisa Swerling** got the idea for *Happiness is...* while sitting together one day in a hot tub at their home in California. Lisa had just finished answering all her emails, and she said 'Happiness is having an empty inbox'. Ralph replied 'Happiness is getting into a hot tub'. They began to list things which made them happy, and illustrated them. Later they asked people on Facebook 'What makes you happy?' and Ralph drew and posted on Instagram the ones they liked best...

d Write your own idea for *Happiness is...*

e Work in small groups. Read your idea to the group. What do you think of the others' ideas about happiness?