

Gerunds

A: What do you like doing?

B: Swimming is fun. I like swimming in summer.

C: I like having barbecues.

D: I enjoy hiking in autumn.



A **gerund (-ing word)** can be used as the **subject** or the **object**.

Doing sports is fun. I like playing basketball.

subject

use a singular verb

object

We use **gerunds** after verbs like:

love

enjoy

like

hate



Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given.

1 _____ a long time for the bus is tiring so I don't like _____ by bus. (wait, travel)



2 Grandpa loves _____ desserts. _____ cakes is easy for him. (make, bake)

3 Matt loves _____ and _____ his bicycle in the country park. (camp, ride)

4 _____ picnics is fun so I like _____ country parks. (have, visit)

5 Grace hates _____ hot so she doesn't like _____ the tram in summer. (feel, take)

6 The boys like _____ barbecues but they think _____ food is tiring. (have, prepare)

Date: _____

Linking words (1)

so • because



reason

result

Phoebe is scared of insects **so** she screamed when she saw a bee.

reason

She doesn't like going to the countryside **because** there are many insects.

Practice

Rewrite the sentences using 'so' or 'because' and the correct form of the words in brackets. Follow the example.

- 1 I like (look) at the sea view. I enjoy (travel) by ferry.

I like looking at the sea view so I enjoy travelling by ferry.



- 2 Ray and I don't like (have) barbecues in summer. We hate (feel) hot.

Ray and I don't like _____

- 3 My dog likes (play) with water. It enjoys (have) baths.

- 4 Mr Au hates (eat) fast food. He likes (cook) at home.

- 5 The boys enjoy (travel) to Japan. They like (eat) Japanese food.

- 6 Ada hates (go) to the beach in summer. She doesn't like (walk) on hot sand.
