

Gerunds & Short Responses

1. Gerunds (Verb + -ing)

We use gerunds (verb + -ing) after certain verbs and expressions.

Common verbs: love, like, enjoy, hate, don't mind, can't stand.

Common expressions: be good at, be interested in, be afraid of, be tired of.

Examples:

- I love playing soccer.
- She enjoys reading books.
- I'm good at cooking.
- They're interested in learning English.

Remember: Use verb + ing, not 'to + verb'.

2. Short Responses

Positive agreement: So do I. / So am I. / So can I.

Positive disagreement: I don't. / Oh, I'm not. / I can't.

Negative agreement: Neither do I. / Neither am I. / Neither can I.

Negative disagreement: I do. / Well, I am. / Oh, I don't mind it.

Exercise 1

Complete with the correct gerund.

1. I love ____ (play) basketball.
2. She enjoys ____ (watch) movies.
3. We hate ____ (wait) for the bus.
4. He is good at ____ (cook).
5. They are interested in ____ (travel).
6. My sister doesn't mind ____ (help) at home.
7. I'm tired of ____ (study) every night.
8. My father can't stand ____ (drive) in traffic.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct option.

1. read/reading
2. fly/flying
3. learn/learning
4. clean/cleaning
5. play/playing
6. wash/washing
7. dance/dancing
8. wait/waiting

Exercise 3

Complete with: So do I, So am I, Neither do I, Neither am I, I don't, I do, Oh, I'm not, Well, I am.

1. A: I love playing video games. B: ____
2. A: I'm good at drawing. B: ____
3. A: I don't mind cleaning my room. B: ____
4. A: I'm not interested in horror movies. B: ____
5. A: I hate waking up early. B: ____
6. A: I'm afraid of spiders. B: ____

Exercise 4

Write sentences.

1. enjoy / listen to music
2. be interested in / learn English
3. hate / do homework
4. be good at / play soccer
5. don't mind / help my parents
6. be tired of / wait in line
7. can't stand / wake up early
8. be afraid of / speak in public