

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...

Read about *Happiness is ...*, and look at the *Instagram* posts.
Talk about the ones you most agree with.

HAPPINESS IS



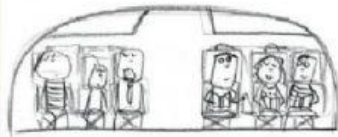
...When a song ends the exact moment you finish parking.

HAPPINESS IS



...a free coffee refill without asking.

HAPPINESS IS



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

HAPPINESS IS



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

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

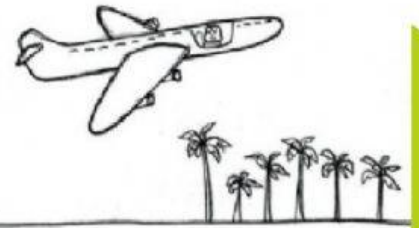
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...fitting in to jeans that you haven't worn for a very long time, and **THEN**, finding money in one of the pockets.

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HAPPINESS IS



...landing in a new country.

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...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.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Write your own continuation for *Happiness is...*

Focus!

Look at the cartoons again. Find an example of a gerund (verb + *-ing*):

- 1 after a preposition _____
- 2 used as a noun _____
- 3 in the negative form _____

VERBS + GERUND (VERB + -ING)

Complete the **gerund** column with a verb from the list in the gerund.

be cook do have make rain read talk tidy wake up work

		gerund
1 enjoy	I enjoy in bed.	<u>reading</u>
2 finish	Have you finished your room?	_____
3 go on	I want to go on until I'm 70.	_____
4 hate	I hate late when I'm meeting someone.	_____
5 like	I like breakfast in a café.	_____
6 love	I love early on a sunny morning.	_____
7 mind	I don't mind the ironing. It's quite relaxing.	_____
8 spend (time)	She spends hours on the phone.	_____
9 start*	It started at 5.30 in the morning.	_____
10 stop	Please stop such a noise. I can't think.	_____
11 feel like	I don't feel like today. Let's go out for lunch.	_____

* start can be used with a gerund or infinitive, e.g. *It started raining. It started to rain.*

Uses of the gerund.

- 1 **Eating** outside in the summer makes me feel good.
Happiness is **getting up** late and **not going** to work.
- 2 I love **having** breakfast in bed.
I hate **not getting** to the airport early.
- 3 I'm thinking of **buying** a new car.
Jim left without **saying** goodbye.

- The gerund is the base form of the verb + *ing*. It can be positive (e.g. *going*) or negative (e.g. *not going*).
- We use the gerund:
 - 1 as a noun, e.g. as the subject or object of a sentence.
 - 2 after some verbs, e.g. *like, love, hate, enjoy*, etc.
See **Verb forms** p.158.
 - 3 after prepositions.

SPEAKING

Choose five things to talk about from the list below.

SOMETHING...

- you **don't mind doing** in the house
- you **like doing** with your family
- you **don't feel like doing** at weekends
- you **spend too much time doing**
- you are very good (or very bad) at doing

SOMEWHERE...

- you **love going** to in the summer
- you **don't like going** to alone
- you are **thinking of going** to this weekend
- you **dream of going** to in the future
- you **hate going** to

I don't mind cooking. I quite like it, and I often cook at weekends.

You're going to listen to part of a radio money programme about the Bank of Happiness in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. What do you think the bank does?



7.8 Listen once. How does the bank work? Choose the correct description.

- 1 You pay money into the bank, and receive help in return.
- 2 You help somebody, and the bank pays you.
- 3 You help somebody, and then somebody else helps you.

Listen again and choose a, b, or c.

- 1 Tallinn is one of the world's smart cities because ____.
 - a the people who live and work there use a lot of technology
 - b the people are very clever
 - c the government wants the people to be more intelligent
- 2 The Bank of Happiness makes it possible for people to ____.
 - a borrow money cheaply
 - b get services without paying for them
 - c buy property in other countries

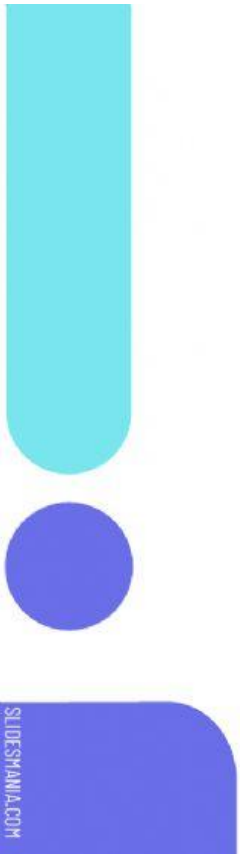


Airi Kivi from the Bank of Happiness

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- 3 Which of the following could you post on the Bank of Happiness?
- a I'm looking for a partner.
 - b I need somebody to lend me €1,000.
 - c I need somebody to give me English lessons.
- 4 Airi Kivi started the Bank of Happiness because she wanted ____.
- a people to help each other
 - b to make people richer
 - c to help people who didn't have jobs
- 5 In the Bank of Happiness, if somebody takes your dog for a walk ____.
- a you then need to take their dog for a walk
 - b you don't need to do anything for them
 - c you need to do something for them
- 6 The principle of the Bank is that ____ makes people happy.
- a having a lot of money and possessions
 - b having a lot of friends
 - c helping other people



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- 1 Do you think the Bank of Happiness is a
it could work in your country?
 - 2 Have you heard of any similar projects? Do they work well?
 - 3 Imagine you're a member of the bank. What can you offer to do?
What would you like other people to do for you?