

SERENDIPITY

ENGLISH, THE MOST FORTUNATE  
DISCOVERY

OPPORTUNITIES  
English!

Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!

BEING HAPPY



Being happy

### 1 Grammar; uses of the gerund

a Is there a book, a film, or a song that makes you feel happy whenever you read, watch, or listen to it? What is it? Why does it make you feel happy?

b Read a magazine article where different people on the magazine's staff say what happiness is for them. Match the people to the paragraphs.



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**A**  
**Erin,**  
fashion editor



**B**  
**Harriet,**  
health editor



**C**  
**Sebastian,**  
music editor



**D**  
**Kate,**  
cinema editor



**E**  
**Marco,**  
food editor



**F**  
**Andrew,**  
travel editor



☐ ... making soup. I love using leftovers in the fridge. There's something magical about making something delicious out of nothing.

☐ ... sitting on the sofa on a winter evening with a box of chocolates, watching a feel-good film, preferably one that makes me cry.

☐ ... listening to *Don't Stop Me Now* by Queen. As soon as I hear it I immediately feel like getting up and dancing.

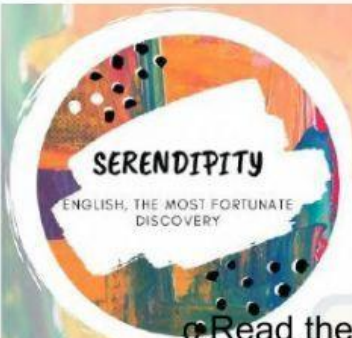
☐ ... getting on the scales and seeing that I've lost a kilo even though I had a big meal the day before.

☐ ... seeing my suitcase come out first at baggage reclaim at the airport

☐ ... finding a real bargain in the sales. I'm still wearing a Prada jacket that I bought incredibly cheaply in a sale ten years ago.







c Read the article again. Is there anybody you really agree / don't agree with?

d Look at the highlighted phrases in the first paragraph. Find an example of a gerund;

- after another verb .....
- after a preposition .....
- use as a noun .....

e Uses of a gerund.

f Complete the phrase;

Happiness is

## 2 Vocabulary & Speaking

a Complete with the gerund of a verb from the list.

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

enjoy	I enjoy ..... in bed.
finish	Have you finished ..... your room?
go on (continue)	I want to go on ..... until I'm 60.
hate	I hate ..... late when I'm meeting someone.
like	I like ..... breakfast in a café.
love	I love ..... on a sunny morning.
(don't) mind	I don't mind ..... the ironing. It's quite relaxing.

spend (time) She spends hours ..... on the phone.  
start\* It started ..... at 5.30 in the morning.  
stop Please stop ..... such a noise. I can't think.  
feel like I don't feel like ..... today. Let's go out for  
lunch.

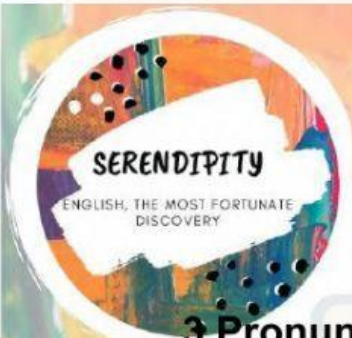
\*start can be used with a gerund or infinitive, eg. It started raining.  
It started to rain.

b Listen and check 3.29

c Tell me about something ...

- you don't mind doing in the house
- you like doing with your family
- you love doing in the summer
- you don't feel like doing at weekends
- you spend too much time doing
- you dream of doing
- you hate doing at work I school
- you don't like doing alone
- you are thinking of doing this weekend
- you think you are very good (or very bad) at doing







### 3 Pronunciation

a Put the words in the right column;

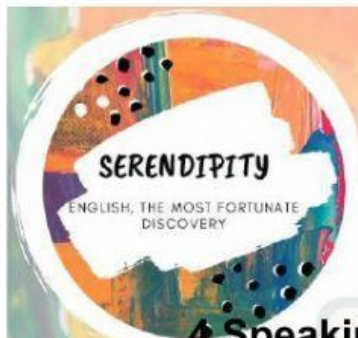
find   give   high   hire   kind   like   mind   miss   night  
right   skin   slim   thin   time   which   win   with

b Listen and check. 3.30

c Listen and repeat. 3.31

arrive   decide   engine   invite   online   practise  
promise   revise   service   surprise



## 4 Speaking & Listening

### a Speaking

- When you are happy do you sometimes feel like singing?
- Do you ever sing in the shower / in the car / karaoke/ in a choir or band/ while you are listening to music, e.g. on an iPod?
- Is there a particular singer whose songs you like singing? Do you have a favourite song?

b Say if you think sentences are T or F.

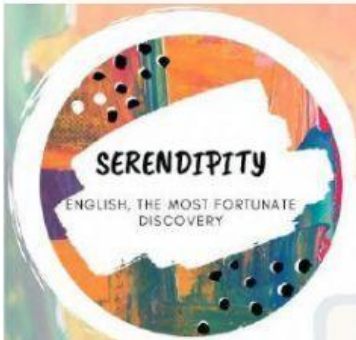
1. Singing is good for your health. ☐
2. If you want to sing well, you need to learn to breathe correctly. ☐
3. People who sing are usually fatter than people who don't. ☐
4. Not everybody can learn to sing. ☐
5. You need to know how to read music to be able to sing well. ☐
6. If you make a surprised face, you can sing high notes better. ☐
7. It takes years to learn to sing better. ☐

c Listen to an interview with the director of a singing school and a student who did a course there. Were you right?

3.32

d Listen again and choose the right answer. 3.32





1. When you are learning to sing you need to ..... correctly. (stand / dress/ eat)
2. Singing well is 95% ..... ( repeating / listening / breathing)
3. Gemma's course lasted ..... (one day / one week / one month)
4. Gemma has always ..... ( been good at singing/ been in a choir / liked singing)
5. At first the students learnt to ..... (breathe and sing / listen and breath/ listen and sing)
6. At the end of the day they could sing ..... (perfectly / much better / a bit better)

e Would you like to learn to sing (better)? Are there any tips from the listening that you could use?

