

In this unit, I will learn to . . .

- talk about what makes me happy.
- understand and use gerunds.
- look for main ideas.

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## Vocabulary ABC



A. Listen to the audio and read the words.



give someone a hug



garage



shout



take a break



fall on



spill



hilarious



repair

**B. Complete the sentences using the words from the box.**

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You need to be careful when working in the (1) \_\_\_\_\_. There are tools and parts used to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ cars. It's easy to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ them. Today, Greg wasn't paying attention. He was walking toward a large tub of oil. We started to (4) \_\_\_\_\_, but he couldn't hear us. He (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the whole tub of oil. I cleaned it all up, but now I'm tired and need to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.



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### C. Complete the sentences using the words from above.

1. You can \_\_\_\_\_ if you see they're feeling sad.
2. I can't drive to my aunt's house because my car needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We laughed at Kim's \_\_\_\_\_ joke for fifteen minutes.
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ your drink, use this towel to clean it up.



### Gerunds

A **gerund** is a noun that is formed by adding *-ing* to a verb. Gerunds are used to talk about activities. It can go in the subject or object position.

Examples:

I enjoy *going* to the movies with my family.

*Swimming* is my favorite exercise.

**A. Read the sentences. Some of the words ending in *-ing* are in the present progressive (PP) and some are gerunds (G). Put a check (✓) in the correct box.**

|   | PP | G |
|---|----|---|
| 1. I'm going to the mall on Friday.                   |    |   |
| 2. Laughing with my friends is the best way to relax. |    |   |
| 3. Walking is excellent exercise.                     |    |   |
| 4. Rhonda is watching a sitcom with her sister.       |    |   |
| 5. I don't enjoy chatting online.                     |    |   |
| 6. Flying makes many people nervous.                  |    |   |

## B. Complete the sentences using gerunds.

1. I miss \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) cartoons on TV.
2. I don't feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (make) my bed today.
3. She keeps \_\_\_\_\_ (call) me the wrong name.
4. Mary was praised for \_\_\_\_\_ (volunteer) in the community.
5. We have finished \_\_\_\_\_ (organize) the bookshelf.
6. Linda enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ (read) fantasies.

**C. Complete the sentences using gerunds. Make them true about you.**

1. One of my family's traditions is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I think \_\_\_\_\_ is really fun!
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best way to relax.
4. My family likes \_\_\_\_\_ on TV.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is my favorite way to exercise.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ makes me happy.