

UNIT 1 WHO ARE YOU?

THE GERUND

The gerund is used like a noun: **Smoking** is bad for you.
Do you like **watching** TV?
She's good at **swimming**.

- It is formed by adding **-ing** to the infinitive:

go – **going**

stay – **staying**

The negative is formed by adding '**not**':

Would you mind **not smoking**?

NOTE: the changes that are sometimes necessary:

lie – **lying** (**ie** → **y**)

take – **taking** (single **e**: 'e' is omitted)

sit – **sitting** (single vowel + single consonant →
→ single vowel + **double** consonant)

1 A. Write the ing-forms of these verbs.

do <u>doing</u>	run _____
play _____	lie _____
travel _____	fly _____
ride _____	try _____
swim _____	get _____

B. Fill in the gaps using the gerunds from the Task A.

Use each verb once only.

- 1 She likes running every morning before breakfast.
- 2 After _____ my homework, I usually watch TV.