



POSSESSIVES WITH GERUNDS

You can use a possessive before a gerund when you want to indicate the performer of the action.

I appreciate your coming here.

(what do you appreciate the person or the action? In this situation you are appreciating the action)

I'm tired of Miguel's complaining.

(I am not tired of Miguel, I am tired of his action)

I need to talk to you about your writing.

(I don't need to talk about you. I need to talk about your writing.)

Click the correct sentence about possessives with gerunds.

Example:

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My husband smoking really bothers me.

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My husband's smoking really bothers me.

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My roommate's playing loud music while I'm sleeping ticks me off.

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Mary is talking on her cell phone while she is driving really gets on my nerves.

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His telling everyone what to do all the time it really bugs me.

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He is telling everyone what to do all the time really bugs me.

Her speaking over me while I'm talking is very inconsiderate.

She speaking over me while I talk is very inconsiderate.

Her speaking over me while I talking is very inconsiderate.

His talk back to his parents is so disrespectful

He is talking back to his parents is so disrespectful.

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