

Gerunds and infinitives 1

- 1 Identify the equipment in pictures a–o, and name each sport.
- 2 With a partner ask and answer these questions.
 - a What sports do you really enjoy watching?
 - b Is there a sportsperson or team who you particularly like watching?
 - c Which sport can't you stand watching?
 - d Which sports have you either taken up or given up recently?
 - e Which do you prefer – watching a sport live or watching it on TV?
 - f Are there any sports you like doing on holiday?
- 3 A gerund, which is a verb used as a noun, always ends in *-ing*, but not all *-ing* forms are gerunds. An *-ing* form might be a present participle or an adjective. What is the *-ing* form in these sentences?
 - a I pulled on the climbing rope to show I was safe.
 - b Anna was running along the track when she tripped and fell.
 - c Snowboarding is a very popular sport.
- 4 Look at these sentences:
 - 1 I enjoy going swimming.
 - 2 After learning to ice skate, I'm going to learn to play ice hockey.
 - 3 I want to take up rowing.
 - 4 Climbing is a fairly safe sport nowadays.
 - 5 It's not worth going to watch our local football team because they always lose!

Find an example of a gerund above which:

- a follows a preposition.
- b is the subject of the sentence.
- c follows an expression.
- d follows a verb.
- e follows a phrasal verb.



- 5 When we put a verb after a preposition, we usually use a gerund. Complete the following sentences with a preposition and one of the verbs in the box.

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- a She was doubtful to the training session on time.
- b Steve is very proud to scuba dive so quickly.
- c I've been very successful my cousins to ride their bikes.
- d Mark was in trouble his muddy sports clothes on the changing room floor.
- e I believe some exercise every day in order to keep healthy.
- f You don't have to be good to enjoy it.
- g I'm looking forward against her again in tomorrow's match.

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