

2 GRAMMAR uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

a Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I hate being (be) late for meetings. I think it's really rude.
- 2 We stopped _____ (study) German because we didn't like the classes.
- 3 James is celebrating because he's finished _____ (write) his book.
- 4 I'm bored. I feel like _____ (go) for a walk.
- 5 I don't mind _____ (get) up early in the morning.
- 6 Kate really enjoys _____ (listen) to music while she's running.



b Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

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| 1 Do you ever think about | <u>c</u> |
| 2 Read the instructions before | _____ |
| 3 He started his speech by | _____ |
| 4 I'm not very good at | _____ |
| 5 Miriam left the party without | _____ |
| 6 I'm really looking forward to | _____ |
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| a | using the machine for the first time. |
| b | seeing you tonight. |
| c | stopping work and retiring? |
| d | thanking everybody for coming. |
| e | saying goodbye to me. |
| f | parking my dad's car. It's very big. |