

-ing forms as subjects, objects etc *Smoking is bad for you*

We often use *-ing* forms as **subjects** – more often than infinitives.

Smoking is bad for you. (More natural than *To smoke is bad for you.*)

We can also use *-ing* forms as **complements** after *be*.

My favourite activity is reading.

An *-ing* form can have its own object.

Smoking cigarettes is bad for you.

My favourite activity is reading detective stories.

And we can use *-ing* forms as **objects** after some verbs

I hate packing. I like watching ice-hockey.

1 Complete the sentences with *-ing* forms of the verbs in the box.

answer	climb	drink	forget	hear	learn	lie	pay	say	ski	type	watch
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| 1 too much alcohol is very bad for you. | 6 languages is hard work. |
| 2 I don't like bills. | 7 I hate goodbye. |
| 3 He really enjoys his own voice. | 8 is sometimes better than remembering. |
| 4 What's wrong with in bed all day? | 9 animals can teach you a lot. |
| 5 Her favourite sports are and
..... mountains. | 10 'What's your job?' ' the phone and
..... letters.' |

2 Complete the sentence with *-ing* forms. (Write about yourself.)

My favourite activities are

3 Complete the sentences using the gerund form of the words in the box.

do	listen	sit	shop	be	ski	ride
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| 1 a horse is difficult the first time you do it – then it gets easier. | 4 is great fun but you need to have all the right equipment. |
| 2 I really enjoy to music alone in my room. | 5 My sister can't stand for clothes – she makes me do it for her! |
| 3 Freddy doesn't like at the front of the class. | 6 We all hate the dishes in our house! |
| | 7 the worst student in the class is not funny at all! |

After these verbs, we use the **-ing forms of other verbs**:

avoid can't face can't help can't stand deny feel like imagine miss postpone
put off risk succeed in suggest think of

I can't face telling the boss that I'm leaving. Do you feel like going out tonight?

He's a bit strange, but you can't help liking him. Imagine being able to read minds!

I succeeded in annoying everybody. (NOT ~~I succeeded to annoy~~ ...)

The doctor suggested taking a break from work. (NOT ... ~~suggested to take~~ ...)

We're thinking of moving to Scotland. (NOT ~~We're thinking to move~~ ...)

4 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box. Use **-ing forms**.

ask be cook go to sleep listen to lose make pass plan see spend study wake up work

- 1 I don't feel like this evening. Let's get a takeaway.
- 2 I just can't help in lectures.
- 3 Imagine married to her!
- 4 I'll miss with you when I change my job.
- 5 Don't put off the doctor. It could be something serious.
- 6 My brother succeeded in his driving test at the eighth attempt.
- 7 Try to avoid the whole house when you come in tonight, can you?
- 8 If you put your money in John's business, you'll risk everything.
- 9 Stay off the motorway and you'll avoid hours stuck in traffic.
- 10 Can you talk to Patrick? I just can't face his problems again.
- 11 I asked Peter for some advice, and he suggested you.
- 12 I'm thinking of Japanese.
- 13 All three men denied to rob the bank.
- 14 We'll postpone a decision until we know what Margaret thinks.

5 Complete the sentences using gerunds.

..... is something I really love

..... is something I really hate.

I can't stand

I'm looking forward to

I love

I don't like

VOCABULARY money

a Complete the sentences with the correct verb in brackets.

- 1 My sister wastes a lot of money on clothes she never wears. (wastes / saves)
- 2 I can't _____ to buy a flat of my own. (pay / afford)
- 3 You'll have to _____ a lot of money if you want to travel around the world next year. (cost / save)
- 4 Kevin _____ about €1,000 a month in his new job. (wins / earns)
- 5 That painting _____ a lot of money. (charges / is worth)
- 6 My uncle is doing a bike ride to _____ money for charity. (raise / save)
- 7 We still _____ the bank a lot of money. (owe / earn)
- 8 Mary _____ £5,000 from her grandfather when he died. (inherited / invested)
- 9 The plumber _____ me €100 for mending my shower. (cost / charged)
- 10 Can you _____ me \$200 until I get paid? (borrow / lend)

b Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 I'll pay for the meal if you get the drinks.
- 2 They charged us €5 _____ a bottle of water.
- 3 They got _____ debt when they bought their new house.
- 4 We've borrowed some money _____ my parents.
- 5 My grandparents always pay _____ cash.
- 6 I don't mind lending money _____ family.
- 7 They spent a lot of money _____ their son's education.
- 8 Can I pay _____ credit card?
- 9 If I lend you the money, when can you pay me _____?
- 10 Phil invested all his money _____ his own company.

c Complete the advertisement with the words in the box.

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mortgage note salary tax



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