

The Gerund

a Complete the sentences with a *gerund* (verb+ing) from the box.

being cooking doing having making raining
~~reading~~ talking tidying waking up working

- 1 I enjoy reading in bed.
- 2 Have you finished _____ your room?
- 3 I want to go on _____ until I'm 70 years old.
- 4 I hate _____ late when I'm meeting someone.
- 5 I like _____ breakfast in a café.
- 6 I love _____ early on a Sunday morning.
- 7 I don't mind _____ the ironing. It's quite relaxing.
- 8 She spends hours _____ on the phone.
- 9 It started _____ at 5.30 in the morning.
- 10 Please stop _____ such a noise. I can't think.
- 11 I don't feel like _____ today. Let's go out for lunch.

b Listen and check.

a Work in pairs. One of you says one of the verbs followed by a gerund, and the other makes a complete sentence using that verb. For example:

A *mind*

B *We don't mind getting tired... we are Physical Education Teachers!*

VERBS FOLLOWED BY A GERUND

enjoy finish go on hate like love
mind spend (time) start* stop feel like

*start can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive e.g. It started raining, it started to rain