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

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