

## The Gerund

### 7B uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

- 1 **Eating** outside in the summer makes me feel good.  
Happiness is **getting up** late and **not going** to work.
- 2 I love **having** breakfast in bed.  
I hate **not getting** to the airport early.
- 3 I'm thinking of **buying** a new car.  
Jim left without **saying** goodbye.

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- The gerund is the base form of the verb + *ing*. It can be positive (e.g. *going*) or negative (e.g. *not going*).
- We use the gerund:
  - 1 as a noun, e.g. as the subject or object of a sentence.
  - 2 after some verbs, e.g. *like*, *love*, *hate*, *enjoy*, etc.  
See **Verb forms** p.158.
  - 3 after prepositions.

cook study	<b>cooking</b> <b>studying</b>	add <i>-ing</i>
live	<b>living</b>	cut the final e and add <i>-ing</i>
run	<b>running</b>	if verb finishes in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant and add <i>-ing</i>

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list in the *-ing* form.

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do not know message practise remember  
study swim teach travel

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I really enjoy *doing* exercise. It makes me feel great!

- 1 One thing that always makes me happy is \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea.
- 2 You can't learn to play a musical instrument well without \_\_\_\_\_ regularly.
- 3 My mother's very bad at \_\_\_\_\_ names.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ teenagers is very hard work.
- 5 My sister spends hours \_\_\_\_\_ her friends.
- 6 I hate \_\_\_\_\_ the answer when somebody asks me a question.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ by train is usually cheaper than by plane.
- 8 My brother wants to go on \_\_\_\_\_ French for as long as he can. He'd like to speak it really fluently!

b Put the verbs in the *-ing* form or infinitive.

I like *listening* to the radio in the mornings. (listen)

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Pilates is good for your health. (do)
- 2 We offered \_\_\_\_\_ for the meal. (pay)
- 3 We won't take the car. It's so expensive \_\_\_\_\_. (park)
- 4 I'm not very good at \_\_\_\_\_ directions. (give)
- 5 You can borrow the car if you remember \_\_\_\_ some petrol. (get)
- 6 Has it stopped \_\_\_\_\_ yet? (rain)
- 7 I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_, but I don't like \_\_\_\_ the washing-up. (cook, do)
- 8 I hate \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark during the winter. (get up)