

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.

c Complete the text with the -ing form of the verbs from the list.

drive feel go have imagine leave listen not get up
not talk read send stay take turn off walk work write

What makes you feel good?

We asked our readers, and here's what they said.

- ¹ *Writing* _____ and then ² *sending* _____ a funny email or message to my friends.
And of course, ³ _____ their faces when they read it.
- I really like ⁴ _____ my car at night when there's no traffic, ⁵ _____
to my favourite music. I feel completely free.
- ⁶ _____ in bed on Sunday morning and ⁷ _____ the newspaper.
⁸ _____ until about 12 and then ⁹ _____ my dog for a long walk.
- I enjoy ¹⁰ _____ to the gym and really ¹¹ _____ hard, then
¹² _____ a long hot shower followed by a nice cold drink. There's nothing better.
- I love ¹³ _____ alone in the mountains, ¹⁴ _____ the wind in
my hair and ¹⁵ _____ to anyone.
- ¹⁶ _____ my computer at the end of the day and ¹⁷ _____ work!
It's the best moment of the day. I love it!

