

# Gerund

*the -ing form*

# Gerunds are the “ing” form of a verb

1. When I was younger, it would make me happy knowing I was to eat chocolate pudding.
2. As I grow up I find reading enjoyable.
3. She keeps delaying a decision, which is silly.
4. Eric says he is tired. He doesn't feel like going to school.
5. You can only use the bathroom once I have finished washing my hair.

Gerunds are used to express preference

👍 like

dislike 👎

enjoy

❤️ love

prefer

adore

hate

**He hates waking up in the morning.**



# Gerunds are used to express preference

Write each sentence, using the verb in the gerund as appropriate.

1. **(enjoy) + (be) late...**

2. **(dislike) + (go)**

3. **(hate) + (work)**

4. **(adore) + (eat)**

Gerunds are used after verbs which express beginnings or ends

**begin**  
**start**

**continue**

**finish**  
**stop**



I started doing my homework at 7:00 p.m..



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She finished running the marathon  
in under 4 hours.

# Gerunds are used after verbs which express beginnings or ends

Look at the following sentences and see whether the correct word has been used.

1. I started work ridiculously late.
2. I adore playing with my dog. He is so much fun to be around.
3. I like bake because it is tasty and fun!
4. She finished reading her book in the early hours of the morning.
5. They hate mowing the lawn, but they have no choice.
6. I stop drive when the lights turn red.

Gerunds are used after certain verbs

**avoid**  
**避免**

**imagine**  
**想像**

**keep**  
**維持**

**remember**  
**記得**

**suggest**  
**建議**



# Gerunds are used after certain verbs

avoid doing sth.  
避免做一些事

imagine doing sth.  
想像做一些事

keep doing sth.  
維持做一些事

remember doing sth  
記得做一些事

suggest doing sth  
建議做一些事

# Gerunds are used after certain verbs

Try and match two columns to complete the sentence.

She practises

marrying her because he got cold feet.

He postponed

going for a walk to clear her head.

I delayed

baking a cake for her because it would cheer her up.

They suggested

cooking and then goes to work.

She feels like

writing in English.

Mum finishes

making a decision, because I still wasn't sure.

# Gerunds are used after certain expressions

- I can't help
- It's no good
- It's worth
- What about...?
- I can't stand
- It's no use
- How about...?
- I look forward to...

我不得不

這...不行

這值得

...怎麼樣? (建議)

我忍不住

...是沒有用的

...怎麼樣? (建議)

我期待...

# Gerunds are used after certain expressions

- I can't help playing... 我不得不玩...
- It's no good playing... 這樣玩...不行
- It's worth playing... 這值得玩...
- What about playing...? 玩...怎麼樣? (建議)
- I can't stand playing... 我忍不住玩...
- It's no use playing... 玩...是沒有用的
- How about playing...? 玩...怎麼樣? (建議)
- I look forward to playing... 我期待玩...

# Gerunds are used after certain expressions

Try to match up the following phrasal verbs with the correct gerund.

## Phrasal verb

go out

can't stand

look forward to

couldn't help

have given up

## Gerund

waiting for the bus to come.

seeing you after dinner.

smoking because it is bad for you.

hoping to buy a dress for graduation.

overhearing, but are you leaving?

Gerunds are used after certain preposition

After finishing the homework,  
I went for a walk in the park.



Gerunds are used after certain preposition



She is good at playing  
basketball.

Gerunds are used after certain preposition

I am sick of my sister bossing me around.



# Gerunds are used after certain preposition

Identify the preposition and identify the gerund in each of the following sentences:

1. I'm good at playing tennis.

**Preposition:**

**Gerund:**

2. We went from being friends to hating each other.

**Preposition:**

**Gerund:**

3. She did not think she was any good at drawing, but she was brilliant.

**Preposition:**

**Gerund:**

4. Ryan knows that he can only eat dessert after eating mains.

**Preposition:**

**Gerund:**

# SUMMARY

1. We know gerunds are verbs with the “ing”.
2. We also know that gerunds are used after certain verbs like “practise” and “finish”.
3. We also know that gerunds are used to express preference.
4. ...and we know they are used to express beginnings.