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Gerunds: Subject and Object

Elections



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Longman

Focus on Grammar 3

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Running for Office 1



Voting is an important responsibility.

***Let's discuss
improving our
schools.***



***I will keep
fighting
for a new
hospital.***

Running for Office 2

Choosing a candidate takes time.



*I enjoy
working for
the people.*



*Do you resent
paying higher
taxes?*

Form



A gerund is the **base form of a verb + *-ing***.
Gerunds can be used as **nouns**.



work	+	-ing	=	working
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pay	+	-ing	=	paying
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improve	+	-ing	=	improving
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Gerunds as Subjects



A gerund can be the **subject** of a sentence. It is always singular. Use a third-person singular verb after a gerund.

singular subject

Voting is an important responsibility.

Choosing a candidate takes time.



Be Careful!



Don't confuse gerunds with the **present progressive** verb form.

present progressive

I am voting today.

verb

gerund

Voting is an important responsibility.

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Practice 1

Complete the sentences with gerunds.

Example: Windsurfing is very exciting.

_____ makes me laugh.

_____ gives me a headache.

_____ isn't polite.

_____ is popular in my country.

_____ destroys the environment.

Not _____ can be dangerous.



Gerunds as Objects



A gerund can be the **object** of certain verbs.



verb

object

suggest

I suggest **improving** our schools.

verb

object

enjoy

I enjoy **working** for the people.

Practice 2

Complete the dialogues with gerund phrases.

Example:

A: Why do Christophe and Hiro go hiking so often?

B: They both **enjoy** watching birds.

1. A: I need a ride to the airport.

B: I **don't mind** _____.

2. A: Dad, can I go outside and play?

B: Have you **finished** _____.

3. A: Why did Javier look so sad today?

B: I think he really **misses** _____.



Gerunds with Go



We often use **go + gerund** to describe activities.

Our family goes bowling every Saturday.



Ali went jogging with his dog.

Practice 3

Ask a partner how often he or she does these activities.

How often do you
go dancing?

I go dancing
every night.



1.



2.



Practice 4

Ask a partner how often he or she does these activities.

3.



4.



5.



References

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