

COMPETITIONS



Unit 9

Lesson 11

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AGENDA

- Vocabulary: Scientific noun and verbs
- Grammar: Verb + Gerund
- Debate: Competition is a must thing in life!

E VOCABULARY: SCIENTIFIC NOUNS AND VERBS

Complete the table. Use Nouns and the infinitive of verbs from the presentation. Check your answers in a dictionary.

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LISTENING: to experts' opinions

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F VOCABULARY: SCIENTIFIC NOUNS AND VERBS

Complete the sentences with a word from Exercise E in the correct form.
There may be more than one correct answer.

- 1 Psychologists use different methods to _____ theories to find out if they are true.
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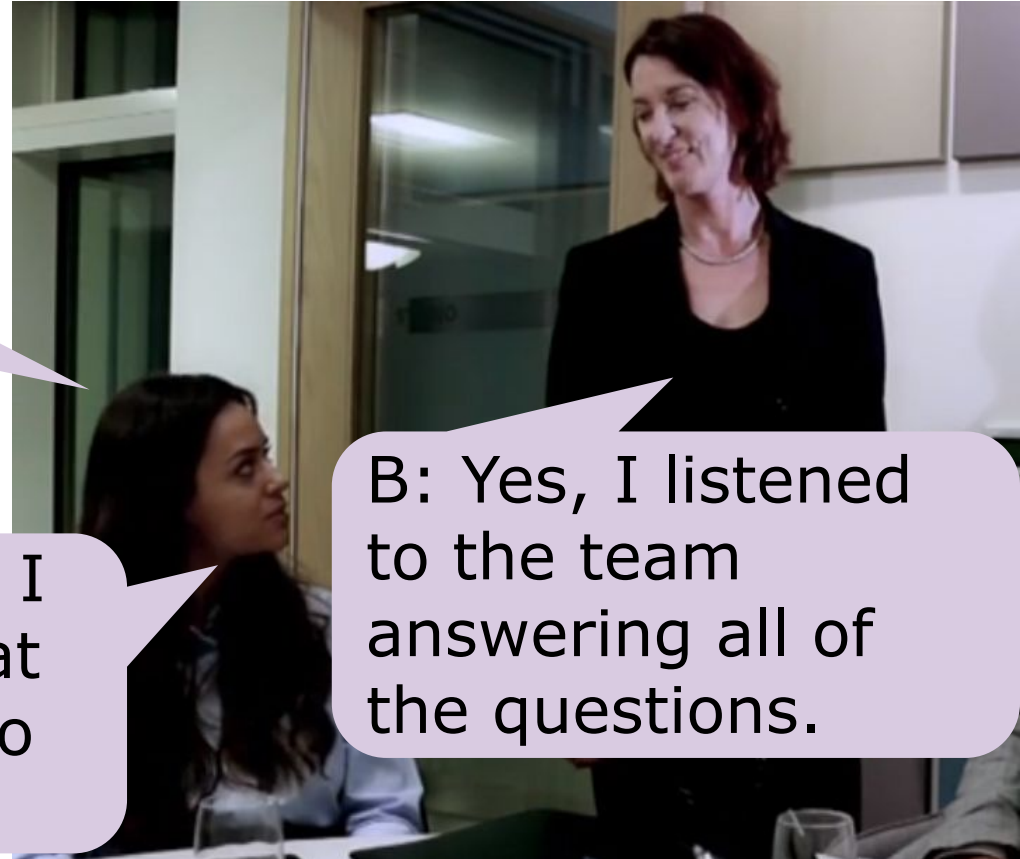
VERB + GERUND

1. Who uses a verb of perception? **both** (*listen to*)
2. Can you notice an error?

A: Did you have fun **watching** the show last night?

A: Do you know who won? I spent all evening training at the gym so I didn't listen to them giving the results.

B: Yes, I listened to the team answering all of the questions.



Look at the examples and complete the rules.

You're wasting
your time
recording the
show. It finished
an hour ago.

I'm going to have difficulty
finding another channel with
it on. I find it boring
watching these celebrities
every week, anyway.

An expression of time and a gerund often go after the verbs *spend* and **waste**.

The gerund always goes **after** the object or expression of place/time.

Other examples of verb + gerund:

Are you just going to sit there and watch that all day?

No, I won't spend a long time watching it. It was just too good to miss – the race is really competitive!

I have trouble sitting in front of the TV for just an hour. But I do like to spend my time entering online competitions!

Look at the examples. Which type of word or expression is in each sentence?

I have difficulty watching scary films.

have + object

Can you hear it barking?

verb of perception

You've wasted hours talking on the phone.

spend/waste + time

He just sat there reading the paper.

sit/stand/lie + place

Complete the forms.

examples	forms
People had fun participating in the show.	<u>have</u> + <u>object</u> + gerund
We listened to different people talking.	verb of perception + <u>object</u> + gerund
You wasted most of your time waiting for everyone.	<u>spend</u> /waste + expression of time + gerund
I just stood there laughing at their jokes.	<u>sit</u> / <u>stand</u> / <u>lie</u> + expression of place + gerund

We always have a good time watching that show!

We can use **verb + gerund** with phrases and expressions to better describe our perceptions and to emphasise and give more information on the time and place of an action.

I could spend most of my life watching everyone compete against one another.

Match the sentence halves.

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. I hope you had | a. days trying to find the car keys. |
| 2. They noticed | b. a good time travelling. |
| 3. You'll waste | c. at the desk studying all night. |
| 4. She sat | d. the celebrities sleeping more than usual. |
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1. Use your own ideas to complete the conversation about a reality show.

Did you notice ... ?

Yes, I don't know how they can waste ...

I don't like to watch people ...

2. Work in pairs. Talk to your partner.

Grammar wrap-up

1. Make a question, an affirmative sentence and a negative sentence using the structure **verb + gerund**.
2. Have you used any of the expressions of time or place before? Can you think of any more?
3. When do you think you might use the structure **verb + gerund**?

GRAMMAR: verb + gerund



A  **2.17 LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT** Listen to the conversation. Does Sandra dislike all reality shows?

Sandra: You know how my brother always laughs at me when I watch reality shows? Well, last night he was watching *Hunting Heroes*!

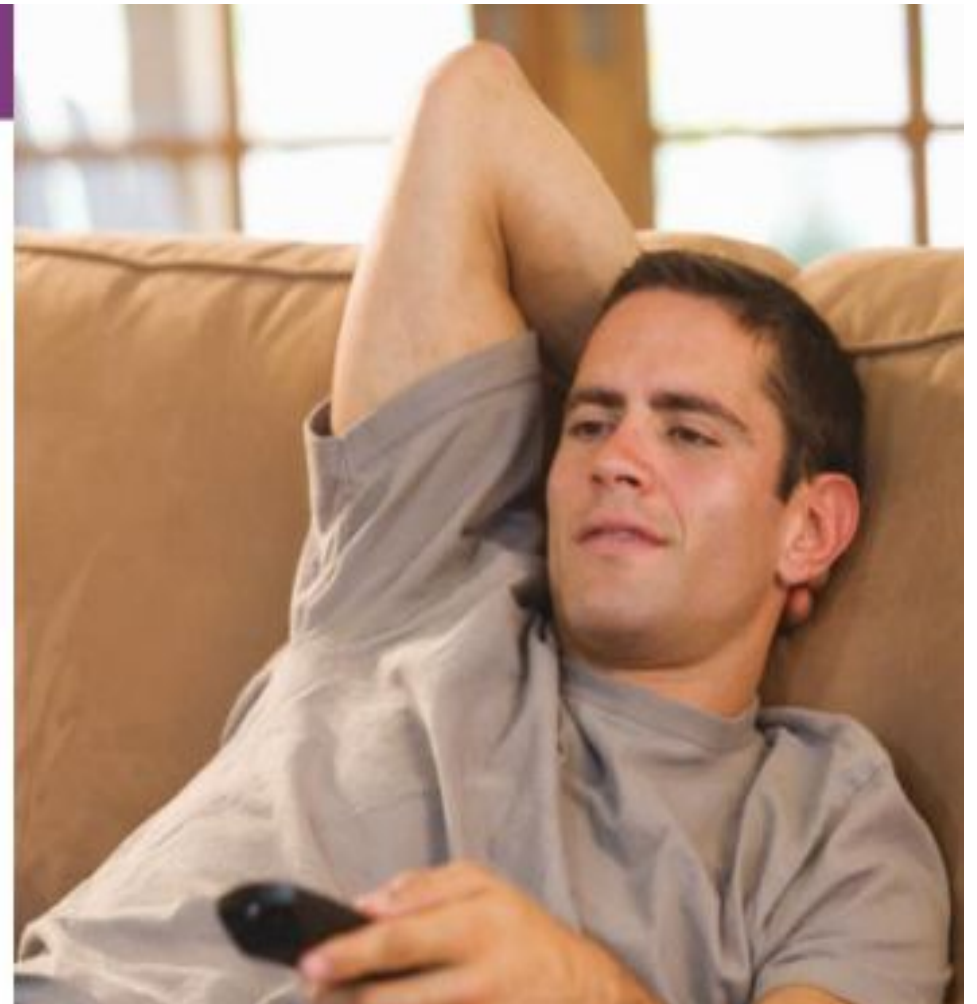
Rick: Seriously? That has to be the worst reality show in the world! Who would want to watch a load of men hunting wild birds and animals?

Sandra: Yeah, I have trouble understanding why people waste their time watching shows like that.

Rick: I've seen you watching other reality shows though.

Sandra: Yeah. I like some of the competitive ones, like *The Voice* and *Project Runway*. It's interesting to observe the competitors going through the process of learning and building on their talent. You can just feel their confidence increasing every time they pass another round. I could spend my life watching those!

Rick: Not me. I don't like to sit at home watching TV. I have more fun doing outdoor activities.



NOTICE!

ANALYSE Read the conversation again.

Show conversation

Function Choose the correct option to complete the rule.

An object and a gerund often follow verbs of .

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Form Complete the table with words and phrases from the conversation.

feel

trouble

see

my life

at home

fun

observe


watch

their time

Form	Examples
<i>have</i> + object + gerund	objects: <i>a good time</i> / <i>a hard time</i> / <i>difficulty</i> / <input type="text" value="trouble"/> / <input type="text" value="fun"/>
verb of perception + object + gerund	verbs: <i>notice</i> / <i>hear</i> / <i>listen to</i> / <i>imagine</i> / <input type="text" value="watch"/> / <input type="text" value="see"/> / <input type="text" value="feel"/> / <input type="text" value="observe"/>
<i>spend/waste</i> + expression of time + gerund	time: <i>a long time</i> / <i>most of your time</i> / <i>days</i> / <i>years</i> / <input type="text" value="their time"/> / <input type="text" value="my life"/>
<i>sit/stand/lie</i> + expression of place + gerund	place: <i>there</i> / <i>at your desk</i> / <input type="text" value="at home"/>

PRACTISE Complete the questions with appropriate verbs in the correct form. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. Do you enjoy around watching TV, or do you prefer being active?
2. In general, how much time do you watching TV a day?
3. What do you the most fun doing? What do you hate to time doing?
4. Do you like people compete on reality shows? If so, which ones?
5. How would you complete this statement? I have a hard time why people watch ...
6. On reality shows, you often people behaving badly. Do you think shows like that are a bad influence on society? Why or why not?

D  **NOW YOU DO IT** Work in groups. Discuss your answers to the questions in Exercise C.

Debate on the topic:

Competition is a must thing in life!