The Gerund A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE









Gerund as a Subject of a Sentence



- Fishing is his hobby.
- Seeing is believing.
- Beating a child will do more harm than good.
- Exercising in hot weather may be harmful.

Verbs of "Likes and Dislikes" + Gerund



like, love, be fond of, be interested in, be into, be crazy about

mind

dislike, hate, be fed up with, be bored with, be tired of



- I have always loved skiing.
- Jackson is fond of playing soccer.
- Are you crazy about fishing?
- I don't mind staying up late.
- We are fed up with doing so much homework.
- Are you bored with watching this film?



Suggestions with Gerund



- What about taking a walk after the workout?
- How about travelling to France next summer?
- She suggested giving a party at her place when the school year finished.
- Do you fancy going out tonight?



Go + Gerund



- Pete goes swimming every afternoon.
- I'd like to go skiing in the winter holiday.
- Our family is into sports: dad goes cycling, mum goes running and I go hiking at the weekends.
- My friend never goes shopping because he hates queuing at the checkout.

This pattern ususally refers to sports activities and physical recreation.



D0 the + Gerund



- Mike wanted to do the washing and the cleaning.
- Do you like doing the gardening?
- I have never done the ironing.
- Let me do the washing up.

This pattern usually refers to different jobs that you do around the house.

SPEND/WASTE + Gerund



- He never spends any money gambling.
- Try not to waste your money buying too many unnecessary gadgets.
- We often spend hours playing board games.
- She wasted a lot of time hanging out in pubs.



NEED + Gerund



- My garden needs watering.
- You should see your hairdresser because you hair needs cutting.
- These windows need cleaning.
- We must spend a lot of money on this house: the roof needs repairing, the fence needs fixing and the walls need painting.

This pattern conveys passive meaning and refers to activities that must be done.

Verb + Gerund

EXAMPLES



- Can't help, can't stand Feel like
- Get/be used to
- Look forward to
- Keep
- Give up
- Take to
- Deny
- Risk
- Go on, continue
- Finish



- I don't feel like learning.
- He is used to getting up early.
- I look forward to hearing from you.
- Keep walking
- He gave up smoking but took to gambling.
- She denied stealing the ring.
 You risk dying if you go on taking drugs.

It's no good/use + Gerund



- It is no use crying over spilt milk.
- It's no good talking about it for so long.
- It is not much use buying a car if you can't drive.
- Is it any good running away?

Some verbs can be followed either by the GERUND or the INFINITIVE (1)

Different order of actions



Next





I remembered locking the door. = First I locked the door, then I remembered it.

I remembered to lock the door. = I remembered that I had to lock the door so I did so.







Some verbs can be followed either by the GERUND or the INFINITIVE (2)

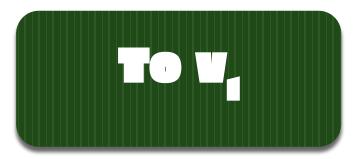
Different meaning

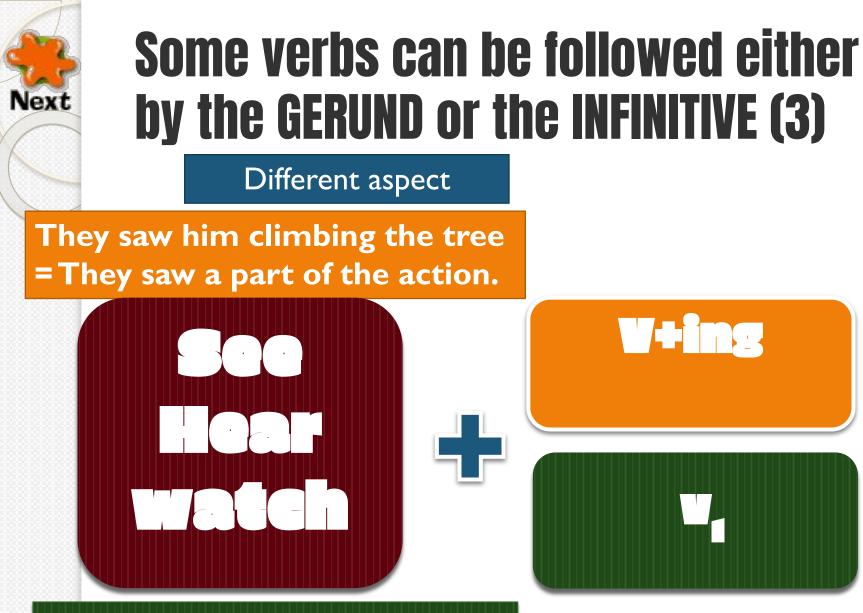
They stopped talking when the teacher entered. = They were talking but finished it when the teacher entered.



They stopped to talk. = They took a break so that they could talk.







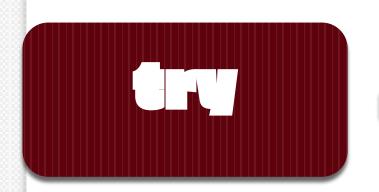
They saw him climb the tree. = They saw the whole action.



Some verbs can be followed either by the GERUND or the INFINITIVE (4)

Different meaning

She tried making it up with her friend. = She made an experiment to see what would happen.



She tried to learn Japanese. = She made an effort to do so.

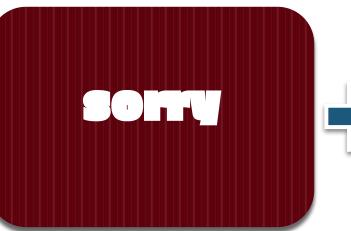




Some verbs can be followed either by the GERUND or the INFINITIVE (5)

Different order of actions





Sorry for being late. = I have been late and now I apologize.

For V+ing

Sorry to interrupt. = I am going to interrupt and I apologize for this.







Finish the following sentences using the gerund of the given verbs.

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His friend suggested (play) tennis in the park.

Next

- She can't stand (do) the (wash up).
- He got used to (commute) easily.
- It is no use (cheat) in a test.
- He doesn't mind (travel) at night.

His friend suggested playing tennis in the park.
She can't stand doing the washing up.
He got used to commuting easily.
It is no use cheating in a test.
He doesn't mind travelling at



Make sentences using the given words and the gerund.

Do/shop/ her hobby We/ look forward/ meet/ you

- I /not/feel like/ go
 out/ tonight
- What about/cycle?
 - You/ be used to/ work hard?

Sorry/ keep/you/ wait

Doing the shopping is her hobby.

We look forward to meeting you.

l don't feel like going out tonight.

What about cycling?

Are you used to working hard?

Sorry for keeping you waiting.



Rewrite the following sentences using the gerund and the verbs in brackets.

Don't jump off the fence. It isn't a good idea. (no good)

- They just laughed and laughed. (keep)
- Do you want to watch a film? (fancy)
- We give parties at the weekends because we like them. (enjoy)

It is no good jumping off the fence.

They kept laughing.

Do you fancy watching a film?

We enjoy giving parties at the weekends.

Rewrite the following sentences using the gerund and the verbs in brackets.

They climbed a mountain on their holiday. (go)

Next

- Let's have some beer.
 (suggest)
- The windows should be cleaned. (need)
- He always plays PC games. (waste)
- Just read. Do not stop.
 (go on)

They went climbing on their holiday.

He suggested having some beer.

The windows need cleaning.

He wastes a lot of time playing PC games.

Go on reading.

Finish the sentences using the gerund or the infinitive

Next

- The criminal denied <u>killing</u> (kill) the old lady.
- I tried <u>carrying</u> (carry) a bucket of water on the top of my head.
- A witness saw him **breaking** (break) a window of the house.
- I didn't remember <u>turning</u> (turn) off the cooker so I went back to check it.
- Don' forget <u>to cancel</u> (cancel) your mail when you go on holiday.
- We could not help **going** (go) back to the park when we were there.

Finish the sentences using the gerund or the infinitive

- Stop talking (talk) and start reading (read) the text.
- Mum watched her son <u>step</u> (step) off the pavement and <u>cross</u> (cross) the street.
- I heard you singing (sing) in the shower.
- They love <u>staring</u> (stare) at the stars.
- He will regret breaking (break) up with his girlfriend.

How about having (have) a break?



GOOD BYE!