

ENGLISH

Chapter 4 Session B



Gerund: Verb + ing









Viewpoints

Get talking!

Discuss the pictures with a partner.

What can you see? Where are these people?

What's happening?

Do you know anyone who cheated on an exam? Do you think it is always wrong to cheat?



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17 Listen and read.

Carrie: Phew! I'm glad that's over. I can't stand taking exams.

Bruno: Yeah. Me neither.

Carrie: I thought it was really hard. How about you?

Bruno: Oh, er, yeah. Sure. It was hard, but I have a good feeling about the grade!

Carrie: Really? You hardly did any work all semester. I don't know why you're so confident.

Bruno: Let's just say that I had some help ... if you know what I mean.

Carrie: What? You cheated?

Bruno: I prefer to think I "helped myself." Look ... I took these notes in with me.

Carrie: That's terrible! Cheating is wrong.

Bruno: Oh, come on! I'm really bad at taking exams. I needed some help.

Carrie: Well, I think it's wrong. I spent weeks studying. It's not fair.

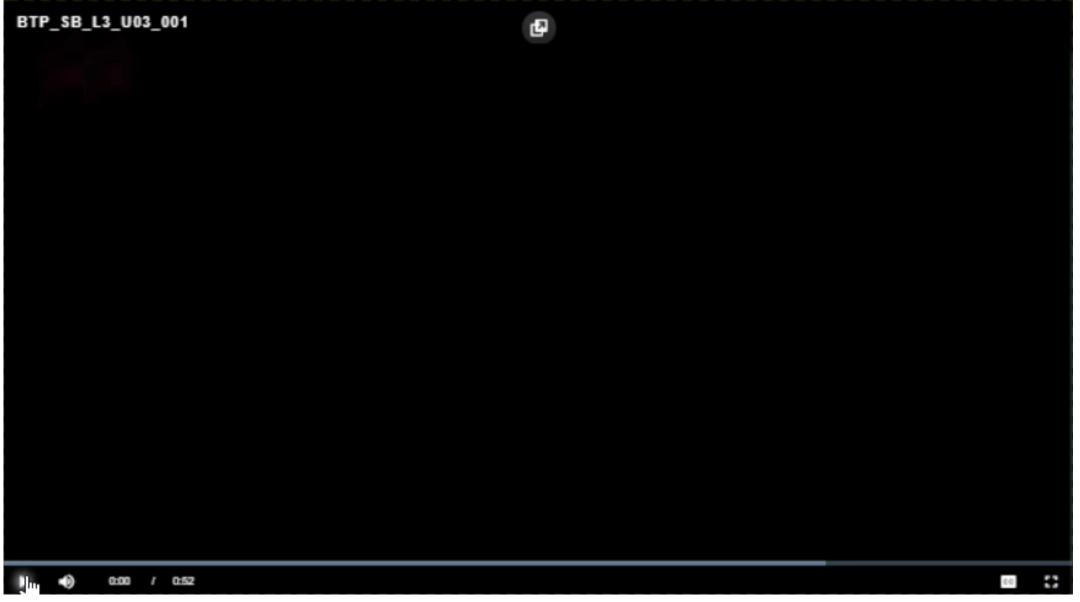
Bruno: Uh-oh! Mr. Wilson's over there. I think he's looking at me.

Carrie: Do you think he saw your notes?

Bruno: Oh no!

Practice the conversation with a partner.









I can't stand taking exams.



Cheating is wrong.

I spent weeks studying.

I'm really bad at taking exams.

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Grammar reference

Gerund verb + -ing

We use the gerund (-ing form) in several ways:

- as the subject of a sentence:
 Cheating on exams is wrong.
 Drinking a lot of water is healthy.
- as the object of a sentence:

 I think that watching TV is really boring.

 Most experts agree that eating chocolate is good for you.
- after certain verbs (especially of liking and disliking):

I can't stand **getting** up early.

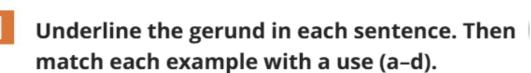
I really enjoy **shopping**.

after some prepositions:

I'm terrible at **cooking**.

Are you frightened of **flying**?

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a subject b object c after certain verbs d after some prepositions

<u>Jogging</u> every morning helped me to lose weight. _______

- 1 On our last vacation we went hiking in the mountains.
- 2 Sorry, but I'm not very good at remembering names.
- 3 Loving someone means that you trust them completely.
- 4 Tina really can't stand doing the dishes. ____
- 5 We weren't interested in going out, so we stayed at home.
- 6 I think that reading novels is the best way to relax.
- 7 Playing baseball well isn't very easy. ____
- 8 Kevin enjoys playing football on weekends. ____

2 Complete each sentence with the gerund of one of these verbs.

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1	I often miss	my friends since		
	I moved away from my	hometown.		
2	Are you good at	? What's the bes		
	dish you can make?			
3	Would you mind	me with these		
	bags?			
4	We don't enjoy	very much		
	because we both get a	irsick.		
5	After a week I gave up	to call him		
	because he never ansv	wered the phone.		
6	Imaginea	huge house in the		
	country. Wouldn't that be great?			
7	When I was young, I used to dream of			
	a firefight	er.		
8	What do you think abo	outto Italy		
	on vacation this year?			
9	Let's put this glass bac	k in the box. I don't		

want to risk _____ it.

10 I hate _____ up early in the morning.

Vocabulary

Read these opinions and <u>underline</u> the verbs that take the gerund.

"I'm terrified of flying. I think it's too dangerous. My brother and his family live far away and I miss seeing them, but I don't want to risk dying in a plane crash."

Yuri, Japan

"Imagine speaking to everyone you meet in their own language. Wouldn't that be great? If you ask me, everyone should spend time learning a foreign language. I'm thinking about taking up Spanish next!"

Agnieszka, Poland





"I love cooking. I've been interested in cooking since I was a child. At first I was really bad at making bread, but I kept on trying and now I'm the head baker at a restaurant in Paris. My philosophy on life is 'Never give up!" **Léon, France**

"I dreamed of being a baseball player when I was young, but I gave up playing when I was 16. I've always regretted doing that. I think you should never stop following your dream."

Deven, India





Choose five verbs from your list and make true sentences about you. Tell a partner.

I'm terrified of going to the dentist!





Real life exchange



Before you listen, complete the conversation using the gerund. Work with a partner.

A: If you ask me, 1 :	satellite TV is a	waste of money.
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- B: Lagree. Lonly keep on 2 ______ for it because of the movies.
- A: I'm not interested in 3 _____ movies on TV. I love 4 _____ to the movie theater.
- B: Oh, I can't stand 5 _____ in the middle of a lot of noisy people.
- A: Really? I don't agree. I think that's all part of the fun!



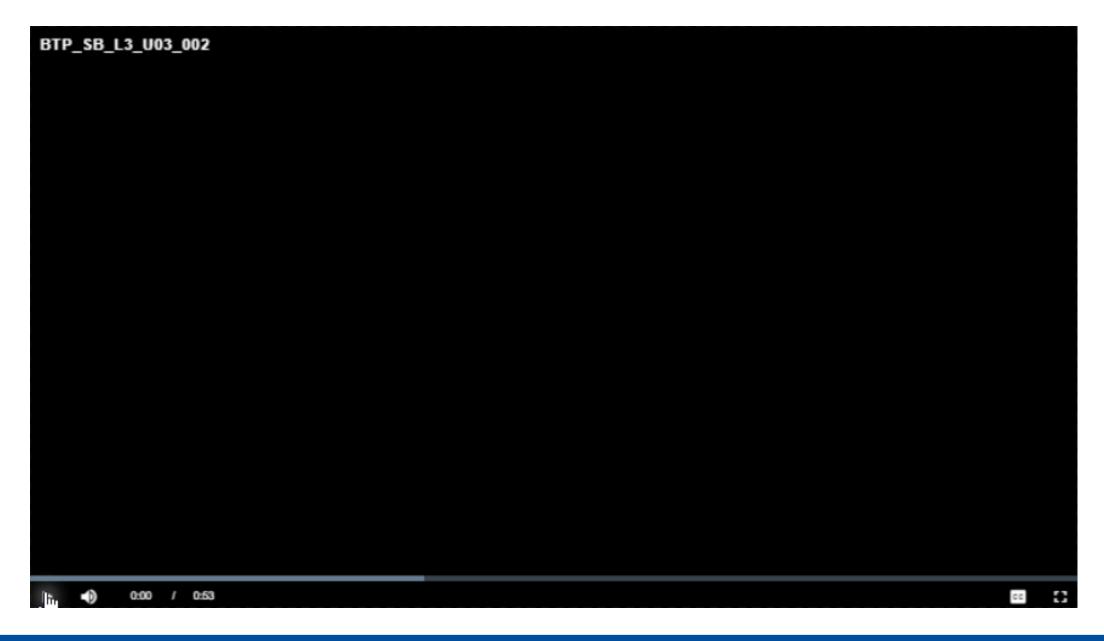




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Strategy: Asking for and giving opinions

Make four lists headed Asking for opinions, Giving your opinions, Agreeing, and Disagreeing.

Write each phrase in the correct list.

Do you agree? Do you think that ...? I agree. I think ... I think you're right.
I think you're wrong. If you ask me, ... In my opinion, ... No, definitely not.
Sorry, I don't agree. What do you think? Yes, maybe you're right.

20 Listen and check. Then make a group and discuss these questions. Use the phrases above.

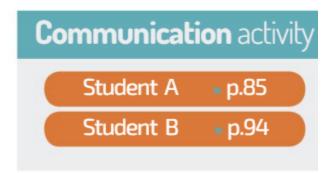
Do you think people should be able to live in any country they choose? Is the world becoming a more dangerous place these days?

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