



ENGLISH

Chapter 4 Session B

4th
SECONDARY

Gerund : Verb + ing



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Viewpoints

Get talking!

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Discuss the pictures with a partner.

What can you see? Where are these people?

What's happening?

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



Conversation

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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!

**2****Practice the conversation with a partner.**



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Language box



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**?



1 Underline the gerund in each sentence. Then match each example with a use (a-d).

a subject

b object

c after certain verbs

d after some prepositions

Logging every morning helped me to lose weight. a

- 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.

fly	try	get	see	go	cook
	break	buy	be	help	

- 1 I often miss _____ my friends since I moved away from my hometown.
- 2 Are you good at _____? What's the best dish you can make?
- 3 Would you mind _____ me with these bags?
- 4 We don't enjoy _____ very much because we both get airsick.
- 5 After a week I gave up _____ to call him because he never answered the phone.
- 6 Imagine _____ a huge house in the country. Wouldn't that be great?
- 7 When I was young, I used to dream of _____ a firefighter.
- 8 What do you think about _____ to Italy on vacation this year?
- 9 Let's put this glass back in the box. I don't want to risk _____ it.
- 10 I hate _____ up early in the morning.

Vocabulary

1 Read these opinions and underline 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



2 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



1 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.

B: I agree. I only 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!

2   **19** Listen and check. Then practice the conversation with your partner.





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Strategy: Asking for and giving opinions

- 1** 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.

- 2**  **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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