**Gerunds**

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| A gerund (verb + ing) acts like a noun in a sentence.   * Seeing is believing. * Running a marathon is not an easy thing to do. * Watching TV is sometimes harmful. * Eating is always fun. * My hobby is painting. * She loves babysitting her sister. * I like listening to music. * I wasted all my afternoon by taking a nap. * I am afraid of singing a song on a stage.   Often, a possessive noun or pronoun comes before a gerund.   * I hope that you don’t mind my using your pen. * Don’t be mad about my leaving early. * I don’t want you misunderstanding. * You will be amazed by my writing.   **[Quiz 14.1]**  Fill in the blanks.  1)I enjoy                      (draw) as a hobby. 2)She likes                      (buy) clothes. 3)Children are fond of                      (play) with water. 4)                     (dance) is my favorite thing to do. 5)I am upset at his                      (break) the rule.  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [14.1] 1) drawing 2) buying 3) playing 4) Dancing 5) breaking |