

### 3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

#### Gerund phrases

##### Gerund phrases as subjects

**Being a flight attendant** sounds exciting.  
**Designing clothes** is not a man's job.  
**Working as a veterinarian** could be rewarding.  
**Directing a TV show** would be interesting.

##### Gerund phrases as objects

He'd love **being a flight attendant**.  
 He wouldn't like **being a fashion designer**.  
 She'd enjoy **working with animals**.  
 She'd be good at **directing a TV show**.

**A** Look at the gerund phrases in column A. Write your opinion of each job by choosing information from columns B and C. Then add two more gerund phrases and write similar sentences.

A	B	C
1. working as an accountant	seems	awful
2. taking care of children	sounds	stressful
3. being a farmer	could be	fantastic
4. designing clothes	would be	fascinating
5. working on a movie set	must be	pretty difficult
6. making a living as an artist		kind of boring
7. doing volunteer work overseas		really rewarding
8. retiring at age 40		very challenging
9. ....		
10. ....		

1. Working as an accountant would be kind of boring.

**B PAIR WORK** Give reasons for your opinions about the jobs in part A.

A: In my opinion, working as an accountant would be kind of boring.  
 B: Really? Why is that?  
 A: Because you work in an office and do the same thing every day.  
 B: I'm not sure that's true. For me, working as an accountant could be ...

**C GROUP WORK** Complete the sentences with gerund phrases. Then take turns reading your sentences. Share the three most interesting sentences with the class.

- I'd be interested in ...
- I'd get tired of ...
- I'd be very excited about ...
- I'd enjoy ...
- I think I'd be good at ...
- I wouldn't be very good at ...

"I'd be interested in working with children."

