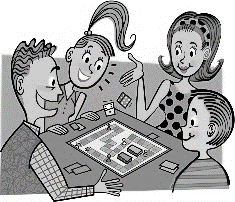
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Today we are going to study a new verb form: **THE GERUND.**

Some examples of gerunds:

1. **Helping** elderly people is satisfying.

2. I don’t like **playing** games.

3. **Reading** with mum is fun.

1. Look at the examples. **How are these gerunds formed?**

**Helping** = …………………. + ………………

**Playing =** …………………. + ………………

**Reading** = …………………… + ……………….

**Where can we find the gerund in a sentence**?

Before we can answer this question, we need to know more about the structure of a sentence.

A normal sentence looks like this:

a subject (onderwerp) + a verb (werkwoord) + a direct object (leidend voorwerp)

I love apples.

The space alien locked his keys in his space ship.

**2. What is the function of the gerund in the next sentence?** Circle the right answer.

- **Travelling** with mum is fun.

a) the subject b) the verb c) the direct object

- I don’t like **playing** games.

a) the subject b) the verb c) the direct object

**3.** When the gerund has the function of a direct object, it is often used with a certain kind of verb:

- Sylina hates biting her fingernails. - I love doing crossword puzzles.

- I dislike doing household chores. - I like being on my own.

- I can’t listening to that song. - I enjoy reading a good book.

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**What do you notice about these verbs**? The verbs express ………………………………………………….

**Gerund**

**Fill in the correct gerund:**

1. Dan enjoys ………………………. science fiction.  
  
2. Cheryl suggested ……………….. a movie after work.  
  
3. I miss …………………. in the travel industry. Maybe I can get my old job back.  
  
4. Do you mind …………………. me translate this letter?  
  
5. You've never mentioned ……………………… in Japan before. How long did you live there?

**Gerund after prepositions – fill in the correct preposition:**

at / on / with / like / of / to / for / about

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| 1) My friend is good **………..** playing volleyball. |
| 2) She complains **………….** bullying. |
| 3) They are afraid **……………** losing the match. |
| 4) She doesn't feel **…………….** working on the computer. |
| 5) We are looking forward **………….** going out at the weekend. |
| 6) Laura dreams **………..** living on a small island. |
| 7) Andrew apologized **…………** being late. |
| 8) Do you agree **…………….** staying in a foreign country? |
| 9) The girls insisted **………….** going out with Kerry. |
| 10) Edward thinks **…………** climbing trees this afternoon. |