

## U4, Station 1: Gerunds (G9)

### 1. Find the rule - Complete the rules with these words:

adjective • adverbial • expressions • gerund • -ing • noun • preposition • subject • verb

| Rules   | Examples   |
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| A gerund is a _____ (1) + _____ (2) which is used as a _____ (3).                           | – I love <b>sport</b> .<br>– I love <b>swimming</b> .  |
| Like nouns, gerunds can be the _____ (4) or the object of a sentence.                       | – <b>Waiting</b> is boring.<br>– I don't like <b>waiting</b> .   |
| A gerund can come after an _____ (5) + preposition, noun + preposition or verb + _____ (6). | – I'm <b>bad at remembering</b> names.<br>– Lin has <b>difficulties in learning</b> English.<br>– We're <b>thinking of moving</b> to New York. |
| A preposition and a _____ (7) can be part of an _____ (8) clause.                           | – She answered <b>without thinking</b> .<br>– We walked <b>instead of waiting for</b> the bus.   |
| And finally, a gerund can come after certain _____ (9).                                     | – <b>There's no use being</b> homesick.  |

### 2. Exercise - from the two texts on page 96 in your English book, find an example of each of the following:

1. gerund as subject: \_\_\_\_\_
2. gerund as object: \_\_\_\_\_
3. adjective + preposition + gerund: \_\_\_\_\_
4. verb + preposition + gerund: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Make your own sentences - Use gerunds to complete the sentences with your own ideas:

1. I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_
2. At the moment I feel excited about \_\_\_\_\_
3. I don't think I'll ever get tired of \_\_\_\_\_
4. I'm not crazy about \_\_\_\_\_
5. I'm getting better at \_\_\_\_\_
6. My friends and I often talk about \_\_\_\_\_
7. I love/hate \_\_\_\_\_
8. There's no point in \_\_\_\_\_
9. It's (not) worth \_\_\_\_\_
10. I can't get used to \_\_\_\_\_