



A small reminder:

The gerund is a verb form ending in -ing.

- It can be ... the subject of a sentence: *Swimming is fun.*
- ... the object of certain verbs: *He enjoys fishing.
(Keep, dislike, risk, suggest, risk and quite a few more...)*
- ... the complement of a verb: *His hobby is painting pictures.*
- ... used after prepositions: *He is good at playing football.*
- ... after certain phrases: *It's no use...
Do you mind my... ?
I can't help...*

Contrasting the gerund to the infinitive.

- Some verbs take an infinitive only: *want, hope, seem, promise...*
- Some verbs can take gerund or infinitive.
The meaning stays the same: *begin, start, continue...*

1) Fill in gerund or infinitive of the verb in bracket.

- I want to _____ my mother. (help)
- I dislike _____ my homework. (do)
- We began _____ the story. (read)
- Enjoy _____ the show. (watch)
- Do you mind my _____? (smoke)
- They all started _____ . (sing)
- The driver risked _____ into the truck. (crash)
- Don't stop! Just keep _____ . (go)
- I hope to _____ you again soon. (see)
- Mother promised to _____ shopping with me. (go)
- He suggested _____ a taxi because it was so late. (take)
- Hee seems to _____ a very nice boy. (be)





II) Fill in the correct forms of the verbs in brackets (infinitive or gerund).
Then guess which jobs these people have!



A

Dan Brown has always enjoyed _____ outdoors. (be)

He really is good at _____ animals. (look after)

He strongly dislikes _____ behind a computer. (sit)

Dan Brown is:

- a farmer
- a computer specialist
- a gardener

B

Sue Lawrence's favourite hobby is _____. (read)

She enjoys _____ articles about different things. (write)

She started _____ people when she was still in high school. (interview)

Sue Lawrence is:

- a teacher
- a family doctor
- a journalist

C

Ethan Hawk has always had a talent for _____. (draw)

He begins _____ early in the morning. (work)

Ethan is very good at _____ people. (portray)

Ethan Hawk is:

- an architect
- an artist
- a photographer

D

Mary Summer's favourite subjects at school were biology and physics.

She always disliked _____ (cook) and _____ her mother with the housework. (help)

She went to university because she wanted _____ into medicine. (go)

Mary Summers is:

- a housewife
- a medical doctor
- a secretary



Solutions:

I) Fill in gerund or infinitive of the verb in bracket.

- I want to help my mother.
- I dislike doing my homework.
- We began to read/ reading the story.
- Enjoy watching the show.
- Do you mind my smoking?
- They all started to sing/ singing.
- The driver risked crashing into the truck.
- Don't stop! Just keep going.
- I hope to see you again soon.
- Mother promised to go shopping with me.
- He suggested taking a taxi because it was so late.
- Hee seems to be a very nice boy.

II) Fill in the correct forms of the verbs in brackets (infinitive or gerund).
Then guess which jobs these people have!

A
Dan Brown has always enjoyed being outdoors.
He really is good at looking after animals.
He strongly dislikes sitting behind a computer.
Dan Brown is: a farmer

B
Sue Lawrence's favourite hobby is reading.
She enjoys writing articles about different things.
She started interviewing/ to interview people when she was still in high school.
Sue Lawrence is: a journalist

C
Ethan Hawk has always had a talent for drawing.
He begins to work/ working early in the morning.
Ethan is very good at portraying people.
Ethan Hawk is: an artist

D
Mary Summer's favourite subjects at school were biology and physics.
She always disliked cooking and helping her mother with the housework. She went to university because she wanted to go into medicine.
Mary Summers is: a medical doctor