

THE GERUND

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

stay *cook* *disturb* *feel* *go*
go out *leave* *paint* *pass* *pay*
watch

e.g. I am fed up with staying at home. I want to go out!

1. I'm not very good at _____ I'm a bad cook.
2. How about _____ tonight?
3. Instead of _____ TV I prefer listening to music.
4. If you don't study hard you won't have any chances of _____ the exam.

5. She left the restaurant without _____ her bill.
6. My favourite hobby is _____ .
7. Before _____ to bed, I like to watch TV.
8. I need to study without people _____ me.
9. What did you do after _____ work?
10. Last night I went to the disco in spite of _____ ill.

EXERCISE 2.

Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in the correct form, *-ing* or *to*.. Sometimes either form is possible.

e.g. I like _____ (play) tennis.

I like playing tennis.

1. I like _____ (watch) TV in the evenings.
2. Would you like _____ (spend) the weekend with us?
3. Thanks, I'd love _____ (come).
4. I hate _____ (wake up) early!

WOULD YOU MIND (NOT) + ING?

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Complete the sentences using the prompts.

e.g. I can't stand people smoking while I'm eating. (*smoke*)

Would you mind not smoking your cigarette in front of me?

1. I can't stand spicy food.

_____ (chilli pepper

in sauce).

2. I can't stand people speaking loudly.

(shout).

3. I can't stand this kind of music.

(play).

4. I can't stand people telling me what to do.

(command).

5. I can't stand people driving fast.

(speed).

EXERCISE 2.

Rewrite the sentences using **would you (not) mind**.

e.g. Please don't talk to me like this.

Would you mind not talking to me like this?

1. Please switch off your mobile phones.

2. Please don't walk on the grass.

3. Please don't speak Italian during the lesson.

4. Please don't swear.

5. Please pay attention to what I'm saying.

6. Please check the meaning of these words in the dictionary.

7. Please don't eat so much, you're a pig.
