

## Gerunds

**Point 1:** The gerund is a verb that acts like a noun.

1. **Smoking** is bad for health.
2. I love **cooking** for family.
3. I hate **doing** the dishes.
4. Do you enjoy **living** here?

**Point 2:** The gerund is always the "ing" form of a verb.

1. I love **watching** old movies.
2. **Eating** out is expensive.
3. **Losing** weight is not easy.
4. **Eating** is not allowed in the library.

**Point 3:** The gerund can be the subject of sentence.

1. **Learning** is fun.
2. **Driving** can be dangerous.
3. **Living** here is expensive.

**Point 4:** The gerund can be the object of a verb.

1. I love **playing** sports.
2. I hate **jogging**.
3. I enjoy **baking**.
4. I don't enjoy **working** alone.

**Point 5:** The gerund can be the object of a preposition.

1. I do not know much about **fixing** computers.
2. He was fired for **stealing**.
3. We are afraid of **losing** the game.
4. I am not good at **spelling** in English.

## Gerunds

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Do you like **learning** English?

**Woman:** I do, but I don't like **studying** grammar.

**Man:** Yeah, **learning** grammar is not easy.

**Woman:** *Speaking* is fun, though. I love *speaking* in class.

**Man:** What about *writing*?

**Woman:** I don't enjoy *writing* that much.

**Man:** I agree. *Writing* is boring.

**Woman:** What about vocab? Do you like learning vocabulary?

**Man:** It depends. I like *using* some apps to learn vocabulary.

**Woman:** Me, too. I like *playing* vocab games on my phone.

## Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** What is your hobby?

**Woman:** Hiking. I go *hiking* every month with my friends.

**Man:** Oh, that is great. *Hiking* is such good exercise.

**Woman:** What about you? What do you enjoy *doing* in your free time?

**Man:** Well, I don't like *leaving* the house, so I usually stay home.

**Woman:** Oh. What do you like *doing* then? *Watching* movies?

**Man:** No, I like *being* outside, so I enjoy *gardening*.

**Woman:** Oh, it sounds like we both like *being* in nature.

## Conversation 3

**Man:** Do you like *shopping* online?

**Woman:** No, not really. I prefer *shopping* at the mall.

**Man:** Me, too. I like *trying* on clothes before I buy them.

**Woman:** Do you like *shopping* alone or with friends?

**Man:** I prefer *shopping* alone. It's faster that way. What about you?

**Woman:** I prefer *shopping* with friends. It's fun *walking* around together.

**Man:** True. That is fun sometimes.

## Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

**Man:** Are you good at *playing* sports?

**Woman:** No, but I like *watching* sports on TV. What about you?

**Man:** I love *playing* sports. I like *watching* it, too.

**Woman:** What about music? Do you enjoy *going* to karaoke?

**Man:** No. I am terrible at *singing*. I can't sing at all.

**Woman:** Oh, that's too bad. I quite enjoy *singing*.

**Man:** I like *listening* to people sing, though.

**Woman:** Oh, good. You should join us next time.

# Corporate Vocabulary

### **Telecommuting**

Working in a business from home normally using internet.

“My mother now telecommutes Tuesdays and Thursdays.”

“My mother performs most her duties telecommuting on Tuesdays and Thursdays.”

### **Downsizing**

A reduction in the number of employees in a company to reduce costs and increase profits.

“Downsizing in my previous employment was a bit stressing.”

“The downsizing at my previous workplace was somewhat challenging.”

### **Outsourcing**

Contracting out selected functions or activities of an organization.

“Management decided to outsource accounting to India”

“Management has elected to transition the company's accounting functions to an outsourced provider based in India.”

### **Headquarters**

The main administrative offices of a corporation.

“Our headquarters are located in downtown Calgary”

“Our corporate headquarters are situated in downtown Calgary.”

### **Asset**

Anything of value that is owned.

“The business sold some of the assets.”

“The company disposed of a portion of its assets.”

**Liabilities**

The debts or financial obligations of the company.

“The downsizing helped us reduce our liabilities.”

“The downsizing initiative enabled us to decrease our liabilities.”