

## solutions

## 1. Sightseeing (Gerund as subject)



a) Write the -ing-form (gerund) of the verbs. Be careful with the spelling!

plan	<i>planning</i>	shop	<b>shopping</b>
get	<b>getting</b>	visit	<b>visiting</b>
cycle	<b>cycling</b>	walk	<b>walking</b>
run	<b>running</b>	write	<b>writing</b>

b) Complete what Ryan and Caitlin say with the correct gerund form of a).

Ryan: Planning things to do in New York is fun. I'm really excited. How are we going to get around?

Caitlin: Well, getting around the city is best by subway or bus. Walking everywhere makes your feet tired and cycling in city traffic isn't healthy.

Ryan: But **running** in Central Park is healthy. Can we do that too?

Caitlin: Sure, but isn't **visiting** all the famous sights more important?

Ryan: Well, we can do all that first. And shopping at Macy's is important too. I need some presents and postcards for my friends.

Caitlin: Writing postcards is boring. But I'm sure we'll have enough time for Macy's!

## 2. He loves being a firefighter (Gerund as object)

a) The gerund (-ing-form) is used after certain verbs. Underline the verb that comes before the gerund. Then use a gerund of the verbs in brackets.

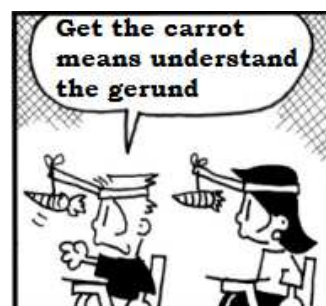
- 1 Caitlin's dad loves being a New York firefighter.  
2 He doesn't like getting up in the middle of the night.  
3 But he can't imagine doing anything else.

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- 4 He enjoys spending time with the men and women at the fire station.
- 5 Caitlin loves riding her bike round Central Park in the rain.

b) Choose a verb from below and use it as a gerund.

chat • look • sit • take • shop



- 1 Caitlin's mom really likes shopping at Macy's.
- 2 Caitlin enjoys taking visitors up the Empire State Building.
- 3 Ryan hated sitting in a plane for six hours.
- 4 He didn't like looking at clouds for hours.
- 5 But he enjoyed sitting to the girl next to him.

### 3. Liam (Gerunds after prepositions)

a) Ryan's cousin Liam in Ireland talks about his time in New York. Underline the word and the preposition that comes before the gerund and choose an -ing-form from below to complete the sentence.

living • *going* • getting • moving

I the chance of going to New York on a student exchange. It was great, and now I'm even interested in getting a job there. I'm a bit fed up with living in our village, and I have often thought of moving to another country.

b) Choose a gerund of the verbs in brackets.

'I would find out about working in big city like New York. At first I might be a bit scared of being alone, but I could visit my exchange family. I'm quite good at making friends and I'd had the chance of meeting lots of new people.'

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### 4. About you (Mixed gerunds)

Complete the sentences with gerunds. Use the ideas on the right or your own ideas.

These are only examples. Other solutions are possible!

1. Having fun with friends makes me happy.
2. Watching horror films makes me nervous.
3. In my free time I love reading books.
4. At weekends I really enjoy hanging out with friends.
5. I can't imagine eating spicy food.
6. Sometimes I'm scared of walking alone through the darkness of a forest.
7. I'm really interested in speaking English.
8. I'm good at helping in the kitchen.
9. I'm really fed up with doing badly in a test.

- have fun with friends
- help in the kitchen
- visit museums
- watch horror films
- hang out with friends
- read books
- live in another country
- be alone at home
- get e-mail from friends
- do badly in a test
- do English exercises
- get presents
- eat spicy food
- tell jokes
- speak English
- live in a small village/  
big city

*Do not forget to compare your results with the solutions!!!*

