**GERUND**

**(verb + ING = gerund)**

When you add “-ing “ to a verb, it becomes **a noun**.

**Spelling:**

1. make – making b) run - ru**nn**ing

ride – riding swim - swi**mm**ing

write – writing clap – cla**pp**ing

**Use:**

1. It is used as **the subject** of a sentence.

Eating fast food is not healthy.

1. It is used after **prepositions.**

He is good at swimming. I am interested in playing chess.

She is bored with telling him to stop talking. I am looking forward to seeing you.

They are happy about going on a school trip. I am fond of reading.

1. It is used **after certain verbs**:

**Gerund and infinitive**

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| Verbs followed by **gerund**  (verb-ing) | Verbs followed by **infinitive** | Verbs followed by **gerund or infinitive** (without a change in meaning) | Verbs followed by **gerund or** **infinitive** (with a change in meaning) |
| finish  imagine  don't mind  can't help  can't stand  enjoy | want  promise  agree  decide  refuse  offer  need | love  like  prefer  hate  start  try | remember  stop  forget |

She stopped **looking** at the painting. (She was looking at the painting, but now she isn’t looking at it.)

She stopped **to look** at the painting. (She saw the painting and stopped to look at it.