

Verb/Preposition + gerund

- 1 Read the two movie reviews and underline all the examples of verb + gerund or verb + preposition + gerund. The first two have been done as examples.

Dance for life

A young girl loves dancing, and she dreams of becoming a famous dancer. She keeps entering contests but she never wins. Even though she hates losing, she carries on dancing until she finally wins one. The story shows her determination, and also how her mother never stops believing in her. Avoid watching this movie if you don't like crying.

Ski fun!

If you feel like laughing, this comedy with Chuck Harris and Nora Lewis is perfect for you. The movie follows two teenagers as they try skiing for the first time, and risk breaking more than just their legs. Both actors are good at making you laugh, even if you don't usually like this kind of movie.

- 2 Complete the short conversations using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

PETER Wow! A new horror movie. Do you want to come and see it with me?

JEFF No, I hate watching (watch) horror movies.

A

JACK What's wrong?

AMANDA I'm really fed up with (1) _____ (wait).

B

SALLY Do you like (2) _____ (go) to the movies.

CHLOE It's OK, but I really enjoy (3) _____ (stay) at home and watching a DVD.

C

RICK What do you want to be when you're older?

PETER I dream of (4) _____ (be) a famous actor.

D

SIMON I really love (5) _____ (watch) action movies with Harrison Ford.

JACK Why? What's so special about Harrison Ford?

SIMON He's really good at (6) _____ (play) those kind of characters.

E

MARY That was a really terrible movie. Can you explain the story to me?

AMANDA Sorry, I can't. I gave up (7) _____ (try) to understand it after about ten minutes.

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

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- I'm not very good at _____ early in the morning.
- He dreams of _____ soccer for Chivas.
- I can't help _____ about my exams.
- Try and avoid _____ him angry.
- I'm going to keep _____ until I succeed.
- I don't want to go out tonight. I feel like _____ in and _____ TV.