

## Verb/preposition + gerund

- 1 Read the two film 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 competitions 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 film 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 film 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 film.

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

PETER Wow! A new horror film. Do you want to come to the cinema with me?

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

**A**

JACK What's wrong?

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

**B**

SALLY Do you like (2) ..... (go) to the cinema.

CHLOE It's okay, 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 films 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 film. 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 using 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 ..... football for Manchester United.
- 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.