

Worksheet 1

Verb + gerund 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 being a famous dancer. She keeps entering competitions but she never wins. Even though she hates losing she doesn't stop 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 the 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 these short conversations using the verbs in brackets.

PETER: Wow! There's a new horror film on tomorrow. 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) for Peter.

B

SALLY: Do you like (2) _____ (go) to the cinema?

CHLOE: It's okay, but I really enjoy
(3) _____ (stay) at home and watching DVDs.

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) brave and interesting 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.

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3 Complete these sentences using the correct form of these verbs.

worry watch try stay play make get up

I'm not very good at (1) _____ early in the morning.

He dreams of (2) _____ football for Manchester United.

I can't help (3) _____ about my exams.

Try to avoid (4) _____ him angry.

I'm going to keep (5) _____ until I succeed.

I don't want to go out tonight. I feel like (6) _____ in and (7) _____ TV.