

- A: What time shall we leave?
 B: Let's get on the road at three o'clock.
 A: That's very early.
 B: I don't like driving at night.
 A: Why not?
 B: Driving at night is dangerous. I worry about having an accident.
 A: OK. We'll leave at three.



Presentation

Verb + -ing

After many verbs, you use the -ing form of another verb: *I don't like **driving** at night.*

Common verbs followed by -ing are: *like, dislike, love, hate, can't stand, enjoy* and *(not) mind*.

Subject of the sentence

You can use the -ing form of the verb as the subject of a sentence:

***Driving** at night is dangerous.*

Verb + preposition + -ing

You also use the -ing form after a preposition:

*I worry about **having** an accident.*

Key vocabulary **Leisure activities:** camping, eating out, sunbathing, skiing, surfing, swimming

Exercises

1 Write what these people like or don't like doing. Use the words in the box.

camp do homework eat out ski sunbathe surf



1 She doesn't like skiing.



2 He



3 We



4 She



5 He



6 They

2 Complete the sentences using the *-ing* form of the verbs in the box.

be clean eat learn park ski smoke steal swim watch

- 1 Smoking is bad for you.
- 2 _____ in the sea is nicer than in a pool.
- 3 _____ TV all evening is boring.
- 4 _____ is wrong.
- 5 _____ a policeman is a dangerous job.
- 6 _____ too much chocolate makes you fat.
- 7 It's a big car. _____ it is difficult.
- 8 It's a big house. _____ it takes a long time.
- 9 The violin is a difficult instrument. _____ to play it can take years.
- 10 _____ is more dangerous than playing football.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrases in the box. Then listen and check.

buy a guitar fly get old go on a diet ~~learn languages~~ not phone

- 1 She speaks French, English, Italian and Mandarin. She's very good at learning languages.
- 2 Could you help me? I'm interested in _____.
- 3 I'm getting fat. I'm thinking about _____.
- 4 Do you ever worry about _____?
- 5 John rarely goes abroad. He's afraid of _____.
- 6 I'm sorry for _____. I forgot my mobile.

4 Put the words in the correct order.

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| 1 mind you I helping don't | <u>I don't mind helping you.</u> |
| 2 enjoy sports do playing you? | _____ |
| 3 is exercise good swimming | _____ |
| 4 about worry at driving they night | _____ |
| 5 are at skiing you good? | _____ |
| 6 like computer they playing games | _____ |
| 7 sunbathing for is bad your skin | _____ |

5 Make any necessary changes to these sentences to make them true for you.

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| 1 I ^{don't mind} love watching TV. | 5 I'm thinking about getting a new job. |
| 2 Smoking is a really nice habit. | 6 I'm not afraid of flying. |
| 3 My friends and I often go sunbathing. | 7 Camping is something I enjoy. |
| 4 Making time to study English is difficult. | 8 I prefer eating out to eating at home. |