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#### Reading (Reading)

**Smoking** causes lung cancer.  
(Smoking causes lung cancer.)

I enjoy **watching** TV.  
(I enjoy watching TV.)

**Reading** is her favorite hobby.  
(Reading is her favorite hobby.)

I love **reading**.  
(I love reading.)

<p><b>Studying</b> online is very convenient. (Studying online is very convenient.)</p>	<p>In the summer, I prefer <b>swimming</b>. (In the summer, I prefer swimming.)</p>
<p><b>Playing tennis</b> is my favorite hobby. (Playing tennis is my favorite hobby.)</p>	<p>He likes <b>playing tennis</b>. (He likes playing tennis.)</p>
<p><b>Writing</b> is more difficult than reading. (Writing is more difficult than reading.)</p>	<p>I like <b>studying</b> English. (I like studying English.)</p>

## Grammar focus (Grammar focus)

- ❖ Gerunds are the forms of verbs that act as nouns. Gerunds always end with "...ing ", like the present progressive form of the verb.

E.g.) Walking is good for your health. (Walking is good for your health)

- ❖ Gerunds have four functions:

- subjects
- objects
- complements
- objects of prepositions

You'll learn the 1st and the 2nd in this lesson.

- ① **Walking** is good for your health. (Walking is good for your health.)

※Used as a subject

- ② He enjoys **swimming**. (He enjoys swimming.)

※Used as an object

- ❖ In addition, gerunds follow verbs like "enjoy, give up, practice, finish, stop, like, love, begin, start, etc."

## Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) Texting while driving is dangerous. (Texting while driving is dangerous.)
- 2) Getting a good job is not easy. (Getting a good job is not easy.)
- 3) Learning a foreign language is easier at a young age.  
(Learning a foreign language is easier at a young age.)
- 4) Collecting stamps is my hobby. (Collecting stamps is my hobby.)
- 5) Jess and Greg like working hard. (Jess and Greg like working hard.)
- 6) I like playing football. (I like playing football.)
- 7) Drinking too much coffee is bad. (Drinking too much coffee is bad.)
- 8) He hates waking up early. (He hates waking up early.)

## Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a form of exercise. (Running is a form of exercise.)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ three times a week is the best way to keep in shape.

(Exercising three times a week is the best way to keep in shape.)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ overtime is quite common in our country.

(Working overtime is quite common in our country.)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ is my favorite hobby.

(Gardening is my favorite hobby.)

5) Jack's skills include \_\_\_\_\_.

(Jack's skills include writing.)

6) I like \_\_\_\_\_ on Sundays.

(I like shopping on Sundays.)

## Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) Drinking too much alcohol is bad. (useful vocabulary: alcohol = alcohol)
- 2) Jogging is a cheap exercise.
- 3) Smoking costs a lot of money.
- 4) Listening to music is one of my hobbies.
- 5) I'm going to stop smoking this year.
- 6) Is studying Chinese difficult?
- 7) Don't give up running!
- 8) Practice listening to English news. (useful vocabulary: practice = practice)