Gerunds as Subject and Object

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Gerunds as the Object

- Gerunds are often the object of a sentence (after the subject and verb)
- It is common to use gerunds to express preferences about activities
  - I enjoy speaking English.
  - I don’t like speaking English.
  - I hate speaking English.
  - More examples?
Gerunds as the Subject

- Gerunds are nouns, so we can use them as the subject of a sentence.
  - Speaking English is hard.
  - Speaking English takes a lot of practice.
  - Speaking English helps me at work.
  - Speaking English is very important.
Let’s practice expressing preferences about activities!
Do you like speaking English?

Use a gerund as the object of your sentence.

I _________ speaking English.
Why do/don’t you like speaking English?

Use a gerund as the subject of your sentence. Use an adjective to describe the activity.

Speaking English is ____________________.
Examples:

I like speaking English. Speaking English is very important.

I don’t like speaking English. Speaking English is too hard.
Now, make two sentences for each picture.

The first sentence expresses preference.

The second sentence explains why.
Do you enjoy cooking?

Why or why not?
Do you like doing the laundry?

Why or why not?
Do you enjoy camping?

Why or why not?
Do you like sleeping in?

Why or why not?
Are you good at swimming?

Why or why not?
What do you look forward to doing this summer?

Why?
What do you avoid doing on the weekends?

Why?
What are you terrible at doing?

Why?
Do you prefer reading or watching movies before bed?

Why?
Do you prefer visiting the beach or the mountains when you go on vacation?

Why?