

# 7B Being happy

## 1 GRAMMAR uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

a Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 I hate being (be) cold. I find it really depressing.
- 2 You spend too long \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games.
- 3 We stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (study) French because we didn't like the classes.
- 4 He's celebrating because he's finished \_\_\_\_\_ (write) his book.
- 5 It started \_\_\_\_\_ (snow) during the night while we were asleep.
- 6 I'm bored. I feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a walk.
- 7 My parents have bought a house by a beach because they love \_\_\_\_\_ (swim).
- 8 I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up early in the morning.
- 9 Kathy really enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to her iPod.
- 10 The best thing about \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the bus is \_\_\_\_\_ (not drive) in busy traffic.

b Match the sentence beginnings and endings.

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| 1 Do you ever dream of          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Are you interested in         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3 Please don't leave without    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4 She isn't very good at        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5 We ended the evening by       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6 I'm really looking forward to | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- a doing some part-time work?
- b seeing you tonight.
- c stopping work and retiring?
- d thanking everybody for coming.
- e saying goodbye to me.
- f parking her father's car.

c Complete the text with the *-ing* form of these verbs.

drink	drive	exercise	get up	go	imagine	leave
listen	read	send	stay	take	turn	write



## What makes you feel good?

Here are some more texts from our readers.

- 1 <sup>1</sup> Writing and then <sup>2</sup> sending a funny email or text message to my friends. And of course, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ their faces when they read it.
- 2 I really like <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at night when there's no traffic. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to my favorite music. I feel completely free.
- 3 <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in bed on Sunday morning and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper. Then <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very late and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for a long walk.
- 4 I enjoy <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the gym and really <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard, and then <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a nice cold drink followed by a long, hot shower. There's nothing better.
- 5 <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ off my computer at the end of the day and <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ work! It's the best moment of the day. I love it!