

The gerund with its own subject

You can put a noun or pronoun before the gerund to make clear the gerund does not refer to the subject of the sentence but has its own subject. Compare:

Many taxi drivers **enjoy telling** jokes.

Not all of them **enjoy passengers telling** jokes.

Once a taxi driver **stopped me telling** him a joke.

Exercise: What would these sentences be with a gerund?

1. I don't mind if you leave early today

I don't mind

2. Do you think it would be an advantage if I asked him?

Can you see an advantage in

3. I'm pleased that our school team won the cup.

I'm pleased about

4. Why was Tom late?

What was the reason for

5. Either Jennifer or I will pay for the damage.

You have the choice of

6. Everybody is worried that children see too much violence on TV.

Everybody is worried about

7. Have you decided whether Tom is going abroad for a year?

Have you decided for or against
