

GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

GERUNDS

GRAMMATICAL FUNCTIONS

GERUND AS SUBJECT

Watching television, at 15.0 hours a week, is by far the most popular.

GERUND AS OBJECT

We might conclude that many Americans seem to enjoy **being** couch potatoes.

They don't feel like **preparing** a real dinner, so they pop something in the microwave.

It was not until the 1950s, with Walt Disney's **opening** of the first Disneyland, that roller coasters began to make a comeback.

GERUND AS SUBJECT COMPLEMENT

Number two on the list is **socializing**—6.7 hours a week.

GERUND AS APPOSITIVE

And number five on the list, **engaging** in hobbies, comes in at 2.7 hours a week.

FORMS

VERB + GERUND

VERB	GERUND	
I'll never stop	riding	until I'm in my grave.

PERFECT FORM

Hours later, after **having fallen** asleep, they wake up and stumble off to bed.

PASSIVE FORM

Then they sit down on the couch for an evening of **being mesmerized** by the TV set.