

Verbs of preference + -ing

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Write sentences about you.

love hate don't mind
be fond of dislike enjoy

- 1 I _____ playing sports at the weekend.
- 2 My friends and I _____ sending text messages.
- 3 I _____ staying in hotels.
- 4 My family _____ going on picnics in the countryside.
- 5 I _____ travelling by bus.
- 6 I _____ romantic films and novels.
- 7 I _____ going to the dentist.
- 8 I _____ listening to loud music.

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 waiting / can't / stand / Robert / queues / in
Robert can't stand waiting in queues.
- 2 prefer / car / you / by / do / travelling / bike / or / by / ?

- 3 walking / loves / mountains / my / in / family / the

- 4 fond / I / pop / of / music / am

- 5 doing / hates / Scarlet / exams

- 6 sunbathing / Oliver / the / beach / on / enjoys

3 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in the box, but remember to use the -ing form!

read watch get up visit travel play

- 1 I hate getting up early in the morning.
- 2 I don't mind _____ to work by bike.
- 3 I don't like playing basketball, but I like _____ it on TV.
- 4 Peter's little sister loves _____ with her toys.
- 5 I enjoy _____ museums and art galleries.
- 6 I love _____ adventure and travel books.

4 Olivia and Michael are boyfriend and girlfriend but they don't get on very well. Write sentences using the prompts to find out why.

- 1 Michael / love / watch / football matches
Michael loves watching football matches.
- 2 Olivia / can't stand / football

- 3 Michael / like / eat / in restaurants

- 4 Olivia / prefer / cook / at home

- 5 Michael / hate / go / to the beach

- 6 Olivia / enjoy / sunbathe / and / swim / in the sea

5 Complete the dialogue between James and Helen with an appropriate verb.

Helen James, can I ask you some questions about your free time?

James Yes, of course.

Helen Do you like (1) _____ sports?

James Yes, I love (2) _____ football.

Helen What about swimming?

James Well, I don't (3) _____ swimming but I really enjoy (4) _____ tennis.

Helen What about reading?

James Oh, I hate reading but I like (6) _____ films.

Helen OK, thanks James.

James No problem.

6 Answer the questions about yourself.

- 1 What do you like doing on your holidays?

- 2 What do you dislike doing at school?

- 3 What are you fond of?

- 4 What do you hate doing at home?
