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1. Talk about the pictures.
2. Listen to the stories.
3. Answer the story questions.

READING

1 Anne Jones has been working at City Bank for two years. Her boss is Mr. Bascomb. She thinks he is a difficult man and doesn't like working for him. Anne hates typing because it's so boring. And she can't stand taking orders. She avoids talking to Mr. Bascomb as much as possible. "I can't go on doing this work," says Anne. "It's driving me crazy." Anne is happiest when she is away from the job. She loves singing and playing the guitar. Music is the most important thing in her life.

1. How long has Anne been working at City Bank?
2. Why doesn't Anne like working for Mr. Bascomb?
3. Why does she hate typing?
4. What does Anne say about her work?
5. What's the most important thing in Anne's life?
6. What does she love doing?

2 Barbara Martinoli also works at City Bank. She has been working there a little longer than Anne. Barbara and Anne are good friends, but they have different attitudes about their jobs. Barbara really enjoys working at the bank. She respects Mr. Bascomb and doesn't mind taking orders from him. If Barbara wanted to, she could work with her husband, Tino, at the Martinoli Restaurant. But Barbara prefers working at the bank. "I like it here," she says. "I'm learning a lot, and I have a good future."

1. Who's been working at the bank longer, Anne or Barbara?
2. Do they have the same attitude about their jobs?
3. How does Barbara feel about working at the bank?
4. Could Barbara work somewhere else if she wanted to?
5. Why does she prefer working at the bank?

VERB + GERUND: Affirmative

I enjoy taking the bus.
_ like _____ .
_ avoid _____ .
_ hate _____ .

VERB + GERUND: Negative

They don't mind working at night.
___ don't enjoy _____ .
___ don't like _____ .
___ can't stand _____ .

PRACTICE • *Talk about what you like and dislike, using the verb + gerund form.*

take orders


I don't mind taking orders.

OR **I avoid taking orders.**

OR **I can't stand taking orders.**

1. spend money
2. listen to music
3. do homework
4. study at night
5. get up early
6. take the bus
7. go to the market
8. make dinner
9. eat fried food
10. wash the dishes

CONVERSATION

 Listen and practice.

Anne regrets the day she started working at the bank.

ANNE: I can't stand it, Barbara. This work is so boring. What should I do?

BARBARA: You should stop complaining. This job is better than most jobs.

ANNE: You keep telling me that. But it's the same thing every day. I never get a chance to do anything interesting.



BARBARA: Have you told Mr. Bascomb how you feel?

ANNE: No. I avoid talking to him. Besides, he's too busy running for mayor.

BARBARA: Listen. I get along pretty well with Mr. Bascomb. I'll talk to him for you.

ANNE: Don't waste your time. Mr. Bascomb only understands business. He doesn't care about people's feelings.



BARBARA: I don't think you're being fair, Anne.

ANNE: Oh, you're always defending Mr. Bascomb. It was silly of me to ask you for advice.

BARBARA: Take it easy. I'm only trying to help.

ANNE: I'm sorry. I don't mean to be unpleasant. It's just that . . .

BARBARA: Cheer up, Anne. Everything will turn out all right.



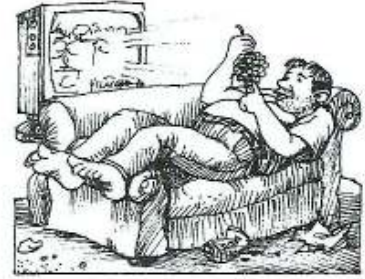
PAIR WORK • Express your feelings about the activities or daily routines in the pictures, using the verb + gerund form.



1. cooking
 A: I love cooking. How about you?
 B: I love it, too.
 OR I hate it.



2. shopping
 A: I don't like shopping. How about you?
 B: I don't like it, either.
 OR I enjoy it.



3. doing housework
 A: I avoid doing housework. How about you?
 B: I avoid it, too.
 OR I don't mind it.



4. getting up early



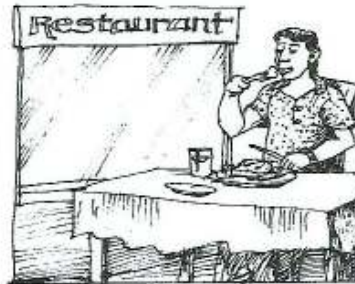
5. taking the bus



6. standing in line



7. dancing



8. eating alone



9. kissing in public



10. writing letters



11. exercising



12. washing the dishes