

Verb patterns with -ing forms

There are several verb patterns with -ing forms.

Subject + verb + gerund

Study the sentences given below.

She began crying.

He has finished speaking.

I hate being late.

You must not miss seeing him.

He loves reading.

I enjoy playing cricket.

I suggest consulting a doctor.

The doctor advised taking a holiday.

She kept saying that she hadn't taken the money.

I had finished working before they arrived.

In the sentences given above, the gerund is used as the object of the verb. Common verbs used in this pattern include: *begin, start, love, like, hate, finish, stop, enjoy, fear, prefer, remember, mind, forget, suggest, miss, try, understand, practise, keep, help, advise, avoid, consider, delay, deny, intend.*

Subject + verb + noun/pronoun + present participle

Study the examples given below.

I saw him jumping into the river.

I can smell something burning.

We watched him walking down the street.

I caught him stealing my vegetables.

They kept the fire burning.

Please start the clock going.

I heard him singing a song.

I observed them playing.

They left him starving in the desert.

Common verbs that can be used in this pattern include: hear, smell, see, feel, watch, find, notice,

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observe, get, listen, keep, leave, set, start, get