

10 We Are Talented

Date : _____

Grade : _____



Grammar Notes

Gerunds

The talent show is coming. What do you think I should perform?



You **love sleeping**. You are **good at falling** asleep in class. Why don't you perform that?

We add '-ing' to verbs to form **gerunds** and we use them as nouns. We use **gerunds** after the verbs like 'like', 'love', 'enjoy' and 'hate' to show preferences.

I	love	singing.
She	hates	reading comics.

Singing	is	fun.
Reading comics	is	boring.

Grammar Tip

We can put a gerund at the end of a sentence as the object, or at the beginning of a sentence as the subject. When it is used as a subject, the whole gerund phrase takes a singular verb.

- e.g. ✓ Reading books **is** fun.
- ✗ Reading books **are** fun.

Warm-up



Ellie is chatting with Owen. Circle the correct answers.

What do you enjoy ① do / doing in your free time?

I like ② play / playing computer games. I also like ③ swim / swimming and ④ watch / watching TV. I usually ⑤ watch / watching TV after dinner.

I love ⑥ make / making pastries. I also enjoy ⑦ bake / baking cakes and cookies. ⑧ Cook / Cooking is fun!

Wow! I love ⑨ have / having sweet food. I'd like to try your pastries someday.



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We use **'be good at'** to talk about people's strengths and **'be weak in'** to talk about people's weaknesses. We use **gerunds** after **'be good at'** and **'be weak in'**.

Jasper	is good at	playing	football.
I	am weak in	memorising	things.

Grammar Tip

We use gerunds after prepositions.
e.g. Thank you for lending me a hand.
This book is about hiking.



Common Errors

- ✓ Ellie is good **at** making crafts. ✗ Ellie is good **in** making crafts.
- ✓ Jasper is weak **in** making crafts. ✗ Jasper is weak **at** making crafts.

- Jasper is good **at / in** playing sports. Football is his favourite.
- Lily is weak **at / in** acting dramas. She is afraid of speaking in front of people.

Warm-up



B Ellie is writing the captions for some photos. Look at the photos and complete the captions with **'good at'** and **'weak in'**. Then, circle the correct answers.



Uncle Bob is ① _____ cook / to cook / cooking .
 He always ② makes / making / making delicious food for us.
 However, he is ③ _____ cleans / cleaning /
 to clean up dishes. He often ④ breaks / breaking / to break
 the dishes when he washes them.



Aunt Sarah is ⑤ _____ arranges / arranging /
 arrangeing flowers. She doesn't ⑥ know / to know / knowing
 how to put the flowers in a nice and beautiful way. She often
 ⑦ messes / mess / messing things up.



Max is ⑧ _____ digs / digging / diging holes. It
 can do it very quickly with its paws. It loves ⑨ runs / runing /
 running and ⑩ hide / hiding / hideing bones in the holes.



Practice



Jasper is looking at the posts on a forum. Complete the posts with the correct form of the given verbs.

What are your talents?

Jenny913

I'm good at ① _____ (spell) difficult English words. I've won the Spelling Bee Competition several times. But I am weak in ② _____ (do) exercise. I don't like ③ _____ (jog) or ④ _____ (skip). What about you?

Kathy_cat

I love ⑤ _____ (paint). I am good at ⑥ _____ (sketch) and I ⑦ _____ (go) to the park to sketch at weekends. I ⑧ _____ (hate) Maths and I dislike ⑨ _____ (do) sums.

Hint: Q3 & 9

We also use a gerund after 'don't like' or 'dislike'.

PaulFong

I'm good at ⑩ _____ (swim). I'm in the swimming team. I enjoy ⑪ _____ (train) and ⑫ _____ (exercise). But I really hate ⑬ _____ (tidy) up my locker in the changing room!

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-7.

- Nathan enjoys hike with his friend at weekends. They like 1. _____
- see the natural scenery up on the hills. Nathan is a scout. 2. _____
- He is good in reading maps and he knows how to use the 3. _____
- compass. Therefore, he usually giving directions when 4. _____
- hiking. His friend Sally does not good at navigating. She 5. _____
- thinks get lost is scary so she always follows Nathan closely. 6. _____
- Both of them are weak at exercising so they don't feel 7. _____
tired at all.

Grammar in Context

Text Type:
Poster

E Jasper is looking at a poster about a talent show. Complete the poster with the correct form of the given words.

good at weak in

act be dance express

enjoy hate love

miss perform sing speak

Free to
join!

Eastern District Community Centre Presents

Annual Kids Talent Show

Do you ① _____ ② _____ in dramas? Are you
③ _____ ④ _____ songs or ⑤ _____? For
kids who ⑥ _____ ⑦ _____ on stage, it's time for you to
join our talent show and shine! We are now looking for the future superstars!



Date: 23 November 20XX
Time: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Venue: Main Hall, Eastern District
Community Centre
Age: 6 – 14 years old



If you are afraid of ⌚ ⑧ _____ in front of the crowd, don't worry. Even if
you are ⌚ ⑨ _____ ⑩ _____ how you feel in words, our
drama teachers will give you plenty of guidance and support. So, you'll be able to let your
performance speak for yourself!

⑪ _____ an actor is not only fun but engaging. If
you ⌚ ⑫ _____ ⌚ ⑬ _____ a chance, take action now!

Hint: Q12 & 13

What is the opposite
of taking action?

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