

**ACTIVE**

**SIMPLE:**  
**DOING**

I enjoy doing homework

**PERFECT:**  
**HAVING DONE**

He denied having stolen  
the money

## GERUND

**PASSIVE**

**SIMPLE:**  
**BEING DONE**

He is looking forward to  
being invited to the party

**PERFECT:**  
**HAVING BEEN DONE**

He denied having been  
searched by the police

# Gerund is used:

as a noun

- Collecting stamps is his favourite hobby.

after prepositions

- He left without being seen.

after certain verbs (anticipate, appreciate, avoid, consider, continue, delay, deny, discuss, detest, escape, excuse, explain, fancy, finish, forgive, go (physical activities), imagine, it involves, keep (= continue), it means, mention, mind (= object to), miss, pardon, postpone, practise, prevent, quit, recall, recollect, report, resent, resist, risk, save, stand, suggest, tolerate, understand, etc).

- She doesn't mind working long hours.

after: detest, dislike, enjoy, hate, like, love, prefer to express general preference.

- I enjoy snorkelling. (in general) [like + to-inf = it's a good idea Jolin likes to walk long distances.]

after: I'm busy, it's no use, it's no good, it's (not) worth, what's the use of, can't help, can't stand, feel

like, there's no point (in), have difficulty (in), in addition to, as well as, have trouble, have a hard/difficult time.

- Tom had difficulty (in) driving on the left when he first came here.

after: look forward to, be/get used to, be/get accustomed to, admit (to), object to, what about ...?, how about ...?

- He admitted (to) stealing the old woman's jewels.

after: spend/waste (money, time, etc).

- She spent a fortune redecorating her house.

after: hear, listen, notice, see, watch to express an incomplete action, an action in progress or a long action.

- I saw her window shopping as I drove by. (I saw part of the action.)

! BUT hear, listen, see, watch + infinitive without 'to' express a complete action, something that one saw or heard from beginning to end. I saw the car crash into the shop window. (I saw all the action.)