

Unit 53

Verb + -ing

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stop	enjoy	fancy	admit	consider	miss
finish	mind	imagine	deny	involve	postpone
delay	suggest	regret	avoid	practise	risk

If these verbs are followed by another verb, the structure is usually *verb + -ing*:

- Stop talking!
- I'll do the shopping when I've finished cleaning the flat.
- I don't fancy going out this evening.
- Have you ever considered going to live in another country?
- I can't imagine George riding a motor-bike.
- When I'm on holiday, I enjoy not having to get up early.

The following expressions also take *-ing*:

give up (= stop)	put off (= postpone)	keep or keep on (= do something continuously or repeatedly)
go on (= continue)	carry on (= continue)	

- Are you going to give up smoking?
- She kept (on) interrupting me while I was speaking.

Note the *passive* form (*being done/being seen/being told* etc.):

- I don't mind being told what to do.