

**Unit 61**

**Expressions + -ing**

When these expressions are followed by a verb, the verb ends in **-ing**:

It's no use / It's no good ...

- It's **no use worrying** about it. There's nothing you can do.
- It's **no good trying to** persuade me. You won't succeed.

There's no point in ...

- There's **no point in buying** a car if you don't want to drive it.
- There **was no point in waiting**, so we went.

It's (not) worth ...

- My house is only a short walk from here. It's **not worth taking** a taxi.
- It was so late when we got home, **it wasn't worth going** to bed.

You can say: 'a book is **worth reading**/a film is **worth seeing**' etc.:

- Do you think **this book is worth reading**?
- You should go and see the film. It's really **worth seeing**.

(Have) difficulty ...

- I had **difficulty finding** a place to live. (*not* 'to find')
- Did you have any **difficulty getting** a visa?
- People often have great **difficulty reading** my writing.

Remember that we say 'difficulty' (not 'difficulties'):

- I'm sure you'll have no **difficulty** passing the examination.

You can also say '(have) difficulty **in** -ing':

- He's shy. He has **difficulty in** talking to people he doesn't know well.

A waste of money/time ....

- It's **a waste of time reading** that book. It's rubbish.
- It's **a waste of money buying** things you don't need.

Spend / waste (time) ...