

## 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) ...