

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 **talk**ing!
- I'll do the shopping when I've **finish**ed **clean**ing the flat.
- I don't **fancy** **go**ing out this evening.
- Have you ever **consider**ed **go**ing to live in another country?
- I can't **imagine** George **ride**ing a motor-bike.
- When I'm on holiday, I **enjoy** **not have**ing 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** **smoke**ing?
- She **kept (on)** **interrupt**ing 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.