

# 37 Talking about sports

To describe taking part in some sports, you use the verb "go" plus the gerund. For other sports, you use "play" plus the noun.

 **New language** "Go" and "play"

 **Aa Vocabulary** Sports

 **New skill** Talking about sports

## 37.1 KEY LANGUAGE "GO" WITH A GERUND

You can make some verbs into nouns by adding "-ing" to their base forms. These are called gerunds.

**She goes surfing on the weekend.**

"Go" changes with the subject.

Add "-ing" to the base form of the verb.



## 37.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "GO" WITH A GERUND



I **go swimming** once a week.



We don't **go fishing** at the lake.



He **goes skateboarding** twice a month.



He doesn't **go cycling** with his brothers.



Do they **go dancing** on Saturday nights?



Does she **go sailing** in the summer?



## 37.3 FILL IN THE GAPS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Tamara goes swimming in the sea.

④ He is fishing on the river.

① We don't go surfing in the winter.

⑤ Sharon is dancing with her friend.

② Do you go sailing on the weekend?

⑥ Do they go running every morning?

③ Tipto goes cycling five times a week.

⑦ He doesn't go horse riding.





### 37.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MATCH THE DAYS TO SAM'S SPORTS



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday

### 37.5 KEY LANGUAGE SPELLING GERUNDS

All gerunds end in “-ing” and are formed following these simple rules.

fish  
↓  
**go fishing**

For most verbs add “-ing.”

For verbs that end in “e” delete the “e.”

skate  
↓  
**go skating**

Then add “-ing.”

For single syllable verbs ending in a consonant + vowel + consonant...

swim  
↓  
**go swimming**

...double the final consonant and add “-ing.”

### Aa 37.6 FIND NINE HIDDEN WORDS AND WRITE THEM IN THE CORRECT GROUP

G	L	G	P	A	O	Q	S	A	I	L	I	N	G	G	N	M	Y	L	F	I	C
M	F	S	K	A	T	I	N	G	O	F	I	F	N	B	Z	F	O	Y	W	M	Y
S	K	A	T	E	B	O	A	R	D	I	N	G	A	S	E	B	L	A	R	S	C
C	J	V	X	N	Y	A	S	N	O	W	B	O	A	R	D	I	N	G	F	L	L
A	L	M	H	J	H	I	B	I	S	H	O	R	S	E	R	I	D	I	N	G	I
W	V	S	Q	T	X	G	Z	X	G	N	S	R	U	N	N	I	N	G	O	B	N
Q	R	B	U	K	C	S	W	I	M	M	I	N	G	K	G	U	D	Q	S	S	G
S	H	O	P	P	I	N	G	X	B	A	C	Z	W	O	V	M	D	F	P	I	Y

REGULAR  
GERUNDS:

1 sailing  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_

GERUNDS WITH  
DOUBLE CONSONANTS:

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_

GERUNDS WITH  
DROPPED “E”:

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_



## 37.7 KEY LANGUAGE “PLAY” WITH A NOUN

For some sports, especially ball games and competitions, you use “play” with the noun.



“Play” changes, depending on the subject.

**They play tennis on Sundays.**

The noun is placed after the verb.



## 37.8 FURTHER EXAMPLES “PLAY” WITH A NOUN



I don’t **play tennis** in winter.



He **plays baseball** for the town.



Does Dani **play hockey** on Mondays?



Sala **plays golf** on Tuesday mornings.



Do Ben and Si **play chess** together?



We don’t **play badminton** any more.



## 37.9 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

I ~~plays~~ / **play** football in the park.

- 1 Shala ~~don’t~~ / **doesn’t play** tennis.
- 2 Mina **plays** / ~~play~~ golf at the club.
- 3 We **plays** / ~~play~~ squash on Mondays.
- 4 The dog **plays** / ~~play~~ with its ball.
- 5 Maria ~~don’t~~ / **doesn’t play** tennis.
- 6 The kids **don’t** / ~~doesn’t play~~ games at school.
- 7 They **play** / ~~plays~~ soccer at the park.



## 37.10 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

He ~~don’t play~~ **hockey** in the summer.

He doesn’t play hockey in the summer.

1 We **plays** tennis every Tuesday night.

2 They ~~doesn’t play~~ **golf** during the week.

3 You ~~doesn’t play~~ **volleyball** at the beach.

4 Do they ~~plays~~ **together** every Saturday?



