

## Gerunds and Infinitives: Gerunds as Possessive Determiners

**FORM:**

my, your, her, his, its, our, your, their + “VERB-ing”

**USE:**

The “possessive determiners + gerund” is an alternative to a number of constructions, especially “that” or “if” clauses.

*Do you mind if I smoke?* → *Do you mind my smoking?*

*He loved the fact that the staff remembered his birthday.* → *He loved their remembering his birthday.*

Complete the following sentences.

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| 1. Do you mind if I open the window?<br>Do you mind<br>_____                     | 6. She was excited that he was coming to visit.<br>She was excited about<br>_____ |
| 2. I remember that she mentioned it to me.<br>I remember<br>_____                | 7. He insisted that we wait for him.<br>He insisted on<br>_____                   |
| 3. I enjoy the way you play the piano.<br>I enjoy<br>_____                       | 8. Sue insisted that she pay the bill.<br>Sue insisted on<br>_____                |
| 4. I don't mind that he snores all night.<br>I don't mind<br>_____               | 9. He denied that I had told him about it.<br>He denied<br>_____                  |
| 5. I was surprised that he told you to stay home.<br>I was surprised at<br>_____ | 10. Do you mind if I call you “Bill”?<br>Do you mind<br>_____                     |

Complete the following sentences by using a *POSSESSIVE DETERMINER*.

Example: I appreciate that you told me the truth. ⇒ I appreciate your telling me the truth.

1. I don't mind if you call late at night.

I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The waiter was annoyed that she forgot to leave a tip.

The waiter was annoyed at \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The kids enjoy it when he cooks for them.

The kids enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.

4. They won't tolerate it if you refuse them.

They won't tolerate \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I insist that he come on time.

I insist on \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Ron can't bear the way they sing.

Ron can't bear \_\_\_\_\_.

7. My brother is happy that I got the job.

My brother is happy about \_\_\_\_\_.

8. I'm surprised that the dog is so friendly.

I'm surprised at \_\_\_\_\_.