



### Grammar: -ing forms

4 Read the notes on -ing forms in the table. Then look at the article again and find more examples of verbs that are followed by -ing forms.

#### -ing forms

1 English -ing forms can be ...

a parts of a continuous tense.

Phones are **ringing** all the time.

People are **complaining** about bad manners.

b adjectives.

This seems a **surprising** habit.

It isn't **annoying**.

c the subject of a sentence.

**Calling** back is good manners in Mumbai.

**Using** your phone to play games is OK.

2 We also use -ing forms after certain verbs. We generally use them when we're talking about things we like and dislike.

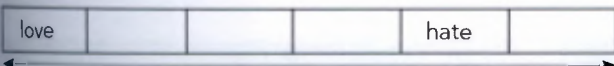
He **loves playing** games on his mobile phone.

Some people **aren't keen on leaving** voicemail messages.

>> For more information on -ing forms, see page 172.

5 Put these verbs in the correct order below.

can't stand   don't mind   like   not be keen on



6 Complete these sentences. Use the -ing form of the verbs in the box.

play   send   switch off   chat   take   use   text   hear

- I can't stand people \_\_\_\_\_ on their mobile phones while I'm trying to sleep on the train. I don't mind people \_\_\_\_\_ because that doesn't make a noise.
- I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ phones ring in restaurants and cinemas.
- I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ games on my mobile phone and I love \_\_\_\_\_ photos with it and sending them to my friends.
- My phone came with a hands-free device but I'm not keen on \_\_\_\_\_ it in public. People think I'm talking to myself.
- I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ text messages to calling because it's much cheaper.
- I hate \_\_\_\_\_ my phone. I think I might be a mobile phone addict.

7 Work in pairs. Compare how you feel about the activities in exercise 6.

A: I don't mind people chatting on their mobiles on the train.

B: Oh, I hate that. But I don't mind people texting because I can't hear that.

### Speaking: Annoying behaviour

8 Work in groups. Here are some other things that annoy people about modern life. Think of some more to add to the list.

- getting calls from telemarketers
- people dropping litter
- receiving spam emails
- calling a company and finding that you're talking to a machine
- having to remember lots of passwords
- people reading text messages when you're trying to talk to them

9 Which three things are the most annoying and why? Decide together on the top three. How do you deal with these things?

#### TALKING POINT

What are the top complaints about mobile phones in your country?