

GERUNDS

Introductory Lesson

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What is a gerund?

A gerund is a verb which has become a noun by adding *ing*.

I like pizza.

Phrases, such as *like pizza*, can take on verbs in the form of gerunds.

I like ~~eating~~ pizza.

eating

making

selling

delivering

Or

Steven finished the book.

Phrases, such as *finished the book*, can take on verbs in the form of gerunds.

~~Steven finished the book printing the book.~~

reading

writing

printing

using

When do we use gerunds?

We use gerunds to follow certain main verbs.

Here are some examples.



We like studying English.

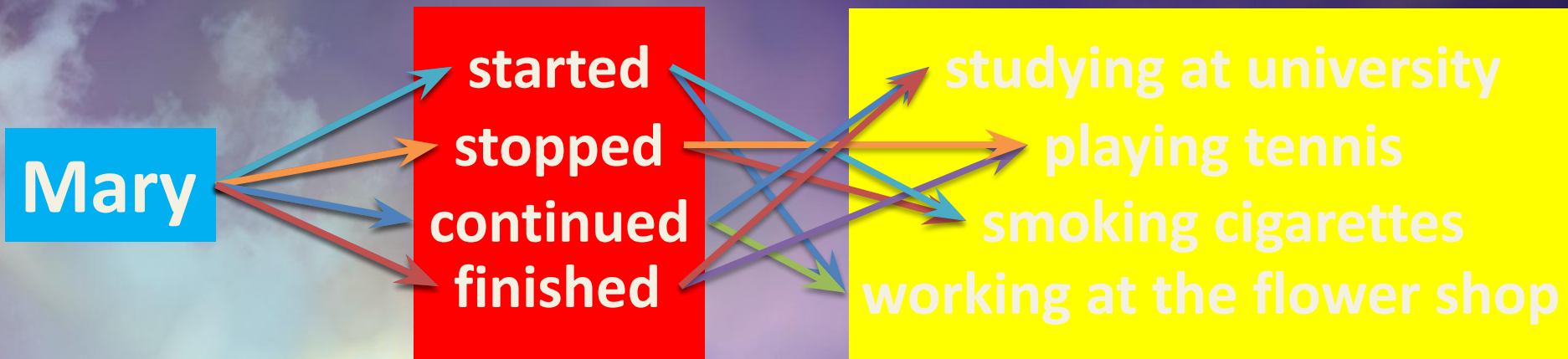
We dislike studying English.

We love studying English.

We hate studying English.

Let's see how these main verbs work together with gerunds.

SUBJECT MAIN VERB GERUND PHRASE



Mary started working at the flower shop.

Mary started smoking cigarettes.

Mary stopped smoking cigarettes.

Mary stopped playing tennis.

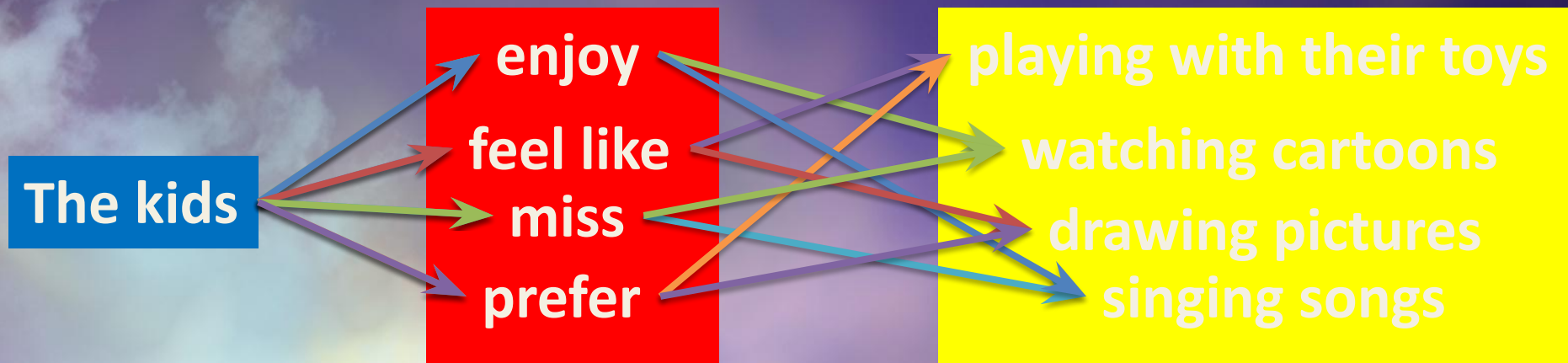
Mary continued working at the flower shop.

Mary continued studying at

Mary finished playing tennis.

Mary finished studying at university.

Here are some more examples.



The kids enjoy watching cartoons.

The kids enjoy singing songs.

The kids feel like playing with their toys.

The kids feel like drawing

The kids miss singing songs.

The kids miss watching cartoons.

The kids prefer playing with their toys.

The kids prefer drawing pictures.

Now mix and match these examples...

Mom & Dad will

**think about
talk about
consider
discuss**

**selling their house
taking a long vacation
buying a new car
moving to Italy**

We have just seen how gerund phrases can be used as direct objects.

Let's try them in subject form...

I hate smoking cigarettes.

Smoking cigarettes

is dangerous

is unhealthy

makes people sick

costs a lot of money

Smoking cigarettes is dangerous.

Smoking cigarettes is unhealthy.

Smoking cigarettes makes people sick.

Smoking cigarettes costs a lot of

Now try it with this example...

Jane enjoyed working at the book store.

Working at the bookstore

was interesting
paid good money
was great fun
helped her meet intelligent people

Finish this example with your own ideas...

We hiked up the mountain.

Hiking up the mountain...

was _____

was _____

took _____ (time)

made us _____ (adjective)

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