

UNIT 61 Expressions + -ing

When these expressions are followed by a verb, the verb ends in **-ing**:

It's no use / It's no good ...

- It's no use **worrying** about it. There's nothing you can do.
- It's no good **trying** to persuade me. You won't succeed.

There's no point in ...

- There's no point in **buying** a car if you don't want to drive it.
- There was no point in **waiting**, so we went.

It's (not) worth ...

- My house is only a short walk from here. **It's not worth taking** a taxi.
 - It was so late when we got home, **it wasn't worth going** to bed.
- You can say: 'a book is **worth reading** / a film is **worth seeing**' etc.:
- Do you think **this book is worth reading**?
 - You should go and see the film. **It's really worth seeing.**

(Have) difficulty ...

- I had **difficulty finding** a place to live. (*not* 'to find')
 - Did you have any **difficulty getting** a visa?
 - People often have great **difficulty reading** my writing.
- Remember that we say 'difficulty' (*not* 'difficulties'):
- I'm sure you'll have no **difficulty passing** the examination.
- You can also say '(have) difficulty in -ing':
- He's shy. He has **difficulty in talking** to people he doesn't know well.

A waste of money/time ...

- It's a waste of **time reading** that book. It's rubbish.
- It's a waste of **money buying** things you don't need.

Spend/waste (time) ...

- I **spent hours trying** to repair the clock.
- I **waste a lot of time day-dreaming.**

Go -ing

We use **go -ing** for a number of activities (especially sports):

go shopping	go swimming	go skiing	go fishing
go climbing	go sailing	go riding	go sightseeing

- How often do you **go swimming**?
- I'm **going skiing** next year.
- I have to **go shopping** this morning.
- I've never **been sailing.**

For 'I've been / I've gone' see Unit 13d.

UNIT 61 Exercises

61.1 In this exercise you have to join two sentences to make one sentence.

Examples: Don't worry about it. It's no use. It's no use worrying about it.
Don't get a taxi. It's not worth it. It's not worth getting a taxi.

- 1 Don't try to escape. It's no use. It's no use
- 2 Don't smoke. It's a waste of money. It's a waste
- 3 Don't ask Tom to help you. It's no good. It's no good
- 4 Don't hurry. It's not worth it. It's not worth
- 5 Don't study if you're feeling tired. There's no point.
There's no point
- 6 Don't read newspapers. It's a waste of time. It's a
- 7 Don't get angry. It's not worth it. It's not
- 8 Don't work if you don't need the money. There's no point.
There's no

61.2 Now you have to make sentences with worth.

Examples: I'd read this book if I were you. This book is worth reading.
I wouldn't read this book if I were you. This book isn't worth reading.

- 1 I'd visit the museum if I were you. The museum
- 2 I wouldn't repair those shoes if I were you. Those shoes
- 3 I wouldn't keep these old clothes if I were you. These old clothes
- 4 I'd consider the plan if I were you. The plan

61.3 Read these sentences and each time write a new sentence using difficulty.

Example: I found a place to live but it was difficult.
I had difficulty finding a place to live.

- 1 Tom finds it difficult to meet people. Tom has
- 2 He found a job. This wasn't difficult. He had no
- 3 It won't be difficult to get a ticket for the concert.
You won't have any
- 4 I find it difficult to understand him when he speaks quickly.
I have

61.4 Complete these sentences with one of the following expressions. Put the verb into the correct form.

go skiing go shopping go swimming ~~go sailing~~ go riding

- 1 Barry lives by the sea and he's got a boat, so he often goes sailing
- 2 There's plenty of snow in the mountains so we'll be able to
- 3 It was a very hot day, so we in the river.
- 4 Margaret likes horses. She often
- 5 The shops are shut now. It's too late to