

G13 Gerund constructions

Both gerund and participles can be used to connect the sentence

Alternative to subordinate clause

1. Verwendung

- When a gerund is used after **on, before, after, for** and **in spite of**, the gerund construction corresponds to a subordinate clause.

2. Beispiele

- On leaving the bus, the sky cleared up.
- In spite of the traffic jam, we arrived on time.

No corresponding subordinate clause

1. Verwendung

- A gerund can also occur after **instead of, by, without, apart from, as well as, what about? It's worth** and **it's no use**.
- There is no corresponding subordinate clause here.

2. Beispiele

- Instead of running away, you should stay together.
- Apart from the garage, everything was torn down.

-ing form with a subject of its own

1. Verwendung

- Sometimes a noun (e.g. people) or a *pronoun* (e.g. *me*) comes before the *-ing* form, giving it a 'subject of its own'. In these constructions it is not clear whether the *-ing* is a gerund or a participle.

2. Beispiele

- I can't stand people telling me what to do.
- I have nothing against people doing their own thing.
- My religion does not allow me eating certain foods.