

# LESSON 150

## 847 Common uses of the gerund

Three common uses of the gerund are:

- 1) as a subject in a sentence: for example, "Jogging keeps me fit";
- 2) after a preposition: for example, "She is good at teaching children";
- 3) after certain verbs: for example, "He regrets selling his house".

Tell me three common uses of the gerund, please.

Three common ... are as a subject in a sentence, after a preposition, and after certain verbs

Give me an example of each, please.

Swimming can be fun.

I'm fed up with listening to that song all day. She enjoys dancing.

**treat**

**treatment**

**shock**

Do some people treat their pets like members of the family?

Yes, some people ...

Do you know how to treat someone for shock, or someone who's fainted?

Yes, I know ... ~ No, I don't know ...

What do you think's the best treatment for a common cold?

I think the best treatment ... is ...

**allowance**

**make allowance**

Do you think it's better to give children a fixed weekly allowance, or give them money little by little as they need it?

I think it's better to ...

848 When we decide how much time we need to travel from one place to another, should we always make allowances for the possibility of traffic jams or public transport problems?

Yes, when we ..., we should always ...