

## Degrees of liking: *where ing is king...*

- I (absolutely) loathe
- I (absolutely) hate
- I (strongly, really) detest
- I can't stand (... at all)
- I really don't like (... at all)
- I dislike
- I don't like (... at all)
  
- /+ I don't mind
  
- I quite / rather like
- I like (... a lot / a great deal)
- I enjoy (... a lot / a great deal)
- I love (... a lot / a great deal)
- I adore
- I absolutely adore

with GERUND:

VERB

+ -ing:

e.g. dancing,  
skiing, singing,  
surfing, cooking  
etc.



keep  
smiling...

### Also with GERUND:

- after a preposition:  
*I am afraid of losing* you. / They are *thinking of* leaving...  
*I am fed up with* cleaning after you. / They *succeeded in*  
convincing him to stay. / He *is scared of* touching spiders.  
*We are good at* cooking. / *Looking forward to* seeing you...
- subject of a sentence:  
Jogging is her passion. / Swimming is his hobby.
- other verbs: *risk, start, avoid, can't help, keep (on), go*