

Speaking about festivals and celebrations- gerunds practice

Work in groups of two or three. Try to make statements using the sentence stems on the next page that you both/ all agree on, including the name of the festival, ceremony or celebration that you are talking about each time.

Useful language for discussing the sentences

Me too./ I agree./ So do I./ So am I./ So ... I.

Really? For me,.../ Really? In my case,...

Suggested festivals and celebrations to discuss

- April Fool's Day
- baby shower
- birthday party
- carnival
- cherry blossom viewing (party)
- christening
- Christmas
- Easter
- engagement
- Father's Day
- Gay Pride
- Halloween
- harvest festival
- lunar new year/ Chinese New Year
- mother's day
- New Year
- Oktoberfest
- retirement
- Saint Patrick's Day
- spring festival
- stag night/ hen night/ bachelor party
- summer festival
- Teachers' Day
- Thanksgiving
- Valentine's Day
- wedding anniversary
- wedding ceremony
- wedding reception/ wedding party

Work together to write statements that you both/ all agree with using lines from the third page. You can't change the words there at all, but you can put any words before and/ or after. Then share your statements with another group/ other groups and see if they agree.

Ask about any lines you can't make a sentence about, working together as a class to make an example sentence each time.

Sentences to discuss and complete

I enjoy _____ during _____.

I don't enjoy _____ during _____.

_____ is a nice thing to do during _____.

_____ is popular during _____.

_____ during _____ is nice but unhealthy.

_____ during _____ is expensive (but it's worth it).

I recommend _____ during _____.

_____ is traditional during _____.

_____ is nice to do as a family during _____.

_____ during _____ is tiring.

_____ during _____ is boring.

_____ during _____ is fun.

_____ during _____ is exciting.

Most people's favourite activity during _____ is _____.

_____ often causes arguments during _____.

I'm looking forward to _____ during _____.

I always look forward to _____ during _____.

The most important thing during _____ is _____.

_____ during _____ makes me nervous.

_____ during _____ make me _____.

For young children, _____ is the most popular thing during _____.

Gerunds to discuss and agree on

- arguing/ having arguments
- buying...
- congratulating people
- cooking...
- dancing
- doing something special at night
- doing things for good luck
- doing things to take away bad luck
- dressing up
- drinking...
- eating special foods
- eating... (for breakfast/ lunch/ dinner/ a snack)
- exchanging...
- getting/ receiving...
- giving...
- giving speeches
- going shopping (for...)
- going to bed late
- hanging decorations
- having a barbecue
- having a party
- having a picnic
- joining parades/ joining processions
- lighting candles/ lighting...
- listening to (special) music
- making (homemade)...
- meeting your extended family/ meeting your whole family/ meeting relations
- meeting...
- playing...
- praying (for...)
- sending cards
- setting off fireworks
- staying at home
- visiting...
- waking up early
- waking up late
- watching movies
- watching parades/ watching processions
- watching special TV programmes
- watching...
- wearing special clothes
- wearing...