

# POSSESSIVE GERUNDS



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"I can't stand **HIM** singing  
in the shower"

or

"I can't stand **HIS** singing  
in the shower."

Well, you have to decide what you find objectionable: is it him, the fact that he is singing in the shower, or is it the singing that is being done by him that you can't stand? Chances are, it's the latter. It's the singing that belongs to him (his singing) that bugs you. So we would say, "I can't stand his singing in the shower."

"Do you have any objection to me watching you?" or "Do you have any objection to my watching you?" Not much difference but the first one does put the focus on 'me' while the second puts the focus on 'watching.'

## Consider this:

I don't want **him** watching me while I paint.  
Do you have any objection to **me** watching you?  
No, you I don't mind, it's just **him** I can't stand.

## More examples:

I appreciate **your** coming here.  
He resents **Mary's** being promoted. I'm  
tired of **Miguel's** complaining.  
I need to talk to you about **your** writing.  
**Her** dancing is beautiful.

## Which of the sentences below is correct?

Cindy called me names at school. I didn't like it.

1. I didn't like Cindy calling me names at school.
2. I don't like Cindy calling me names at school.
3. I didn't like Cindy's calling me names at school.
4. I don't like Cindy's calling me names at school.

He quit his job and that took everyone by surprise.

1. He's quitting his job took everyone by surprise.
2. His quitting his job took everyone by surprise.
3. Him quitting his job took everyone by surprise.
4. He quitting his job took everyone by surprise.