A small reminder:
The gerund is a verb form ending in -ing.

It can be  
... the subject of a sentence:  Swimming is fun.

... the object of certain verbs:  He enjoys fishing.  (Keep, dislike, risk, suggest, risk and quite a few more...)

... the complement of a verb:  His hobby is painting pictures.

... used after prepositions:  He is good at playing football.

... after certain phrases:  It’s no use...
Do you mind my...?  I can’t help...

Contrasting the gerund to the infinitive.

Some verbs take an infinitive only:  want, hope, seem, promise...

Some verbs can take gerund or infinitive.  The meaning stays the same:  begin, start, continue...

I) Fill in gerund or infinitive of the verb in bracket.

I want to ___________ my mother.     (help)
I dislike ___________ my homework.    (do)
We began ___________ the story.    (read)
Enjoy ___________ the show.            (watch)
Do you mind my ___________?    (smoke)
They all started ___________.          (sing)
The driver risked ___________ into the truck.   (crash)
Don’t stop! Just keep ___________.   (go)
I hope to ___________ you again soon. (see)
Mother promised to ___________ shopping with me. (go)
He suggested ___________ a taxi because it was so late. (take)
Hee seems to ___________ a very nice boy.  (be)
II) Fill in the correct forms of the verbs in brackets (infinitive or gerund). Then guess which jobs these people have!

A

Dan Brown has always enjoyed ________ outdoors. (be)
He really is good at ________ animals. (look after)
He strongly dislikes ________ behind a computer. (sit)

Dan Brown is:
☐ a farmer
☐ a computer specialist
☐ a gardener

B

Sue Lawrence’s favourite hobby is _________. (read)
She enjoys _________ articles about different things. (write)
She started _________ people when she was still in high school. (interview)

Sue Lawrence is:
☐ a teacher
☐ a family doctor
☐ a journalist

C

Ethan Hawk has always had a talent for _________. (draw)
He begins _________ early in the morning. (work)
Ethan is very good at _________ people. (portray)

Ethan Hawk is:
☐ an architect
☐ an artist
☐ a photographer

D

Mary Summer’s favourite subjects at school were biology and physics. She always disliked ________ (cook) and ________ her mother with the housework. (help) She went to university because she wanted _________ into medicine. (go)

Mary Summers is:
☐ a housewife
☐ a medical doctor
☐ a secretary
Solutions:

I) Fill in gerund or infinitive of the verb in bracket.

I want to help my mother.
I dislike doing my homework.
We began to read/ reading the story.
Enjoy watching the show.
Do you mind my smoking?
They all started to sing/ singing.
The driver risked crashing into the truck.
Don’t stop! Just keep going.
I hope to see you again soon.
Mother promised to go shopping with me.
He suggested taking a taxi because it was so late.
He seems to be a very nice boy.

II) Fill in the correct forms of the verbs in brackets (infinitive or gerund).

Then guess which jobs these people have!

A
Dan Brown has always enjoyed being outdoors.
He really is good at looking after animals.
He strongly dislikes sitting behind a computer.

Dan Brown is: □ a farmer

B
Sue Lawrence’s favourite hobby is reading.
She enjoys writing articles about different things.
She started interviewing/ to interview people when she was still in high school.

Sue Lawrence is: □ a journalist

C
Ethan Hawk has always had a talent for drawing.
He begins to work/ working early in the morning.
Ethan is very good at portraying people.

Ethan Hawk is: □ an artist

D
Mary Summer’s favourite subjects at school were biology and physics.
She always disliked cooking and helping her mother with the housework.
She went to university because she wanted to go into medicine.

Mary Summers is: □ a medical doctor