

## Good Idea Bad Idea

**Level:** Pre-Intermediate & Up

**Objective:** Converting gerund structures to anticipatory it sentences  
Listening for specific information

**Video:** Good Idea Bad Idea Compilation  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8PhzrmBgMI>

**Procedure:** Tell the students a story about a good or bad idea you had in life. Have the students ask each other about some good ideas and bad ideas they had in life. Ask them if they ever did anything stupid as kids.

Hand out the worksheet. Play the video. To make this activity a bit more interesting have the students turn their papers over and then play the clips without sound. The students must then retell the narration using an anticipatory it structure.

After the video is finished ask the students what is similar about clips 1, 6, and 7 (All of them are based on plays on words).

Cut out the different situations/activities in Worksheet 2. Put them in pairs and give each student one activity. They must then come up with at least 3 good ideas and 3 bad ideas for these situations to tell their partner. Do an example with the class and explain that this isn't just for ideas. For example: It's important to wear sunscreen on the beach, it's easy to forget about life when lying on the beach, or it's hard to leave if the weather is nice. They should discuss these ideas and see if their partner agrees, disagrees, or can come up with more reasons. One member of the group can then report on the discussion to the class.

Worksheet 1

Good Ideas	Bad Ideas
1. Tossing _____ into a fountain to make a wish is a good idea.	1. Tossing _____ into a fountain to make a wish is a bad idea.
2. _____ is a good idea.	2. _____ is a bad idea.
3. _____ is a good idea.	3. _____ is a bad idea.
4. _____ is a good idea.	4. _____ is a bad idea.
5. _____ is a good idea.	5. _____ is a bad idea.
6. _____ is a good idea.	6. _____ is a bad idea.
7. _____ is a good idea.	7. _____ is a bad idea.

Now change the sentences using the anticipatory it. The first one has been done for you.

Good Ideas	Bad Ideas
1. It's a good idea to toss _____ into a fountain to make a wish.	1. It's a bad idea to toss _____ into a fountain to make a wish.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.

Worksheet 2

Traveling to Iran	Meeting Recep Ivedik
Going to a mosque	Swimming in the Black Sea
Trying to catch a fish	Buying a nargiyle pipe
Playing Long Donkey	Going on a date
Cheating on your lover	Moving to a new home
Doing your military service	Fasting during Ramadan
Discussing politics	Discussing religion
Having a daughter	Looking for a job
Applying to university	Participating in a protest
Skydiving	Talking to an Ibo fan
Drinking Raki	Getting married
Getting divorced	Smoking marijuana
Buying a gift for your boyfriend/girlfriend	
Going to a Fenerbahce/Galatasaray match	