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The gerund "splitting" is the direct object of "gets tired of".

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4) While my father encourages me to take notes, my mother likes to think things through.

The gerund "taking" is the direct object of "encourages".

5) Maintaining a winning streak is often twice as hard as winning for the first time.

The gerund "maintaining" is the subject.

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