**Excerpt of “Before I Die, I Want To…”**

**Find the gerunds and infinitives in this excerpt of the first part of the TED talk.**

1. Access the transcript of Candy Chang’s TED talk “Before I Die, I Want To…” at <https://www.ted.com/talks/candy_chang_before_i_die_i_want_to>

2. Following instruction on the difference between gerunds and infinitives, ask the students to go through the transcript and identify gerunds using one colour of highlight and infinitives using another, as shown in the examples below.

3. This can be done as an individual activity or in partners, depending on the class size.

So over the past few years, I've tried ways to share more with my neighbours in public space, using simple tools like stickers, stencils and chalk. And these projects came from questions I had, like: How much are my neighbours paying for their apartments?

So with help from old and new friends, I turned the side of this abandoned house into a giant chalkboard, and stencilled it with a fill-in-the-blank sentence: "Before I die, I want to ..." So anyone walking by can pick up a piece of chalk, reflect on their life, and share their personal aspirations in public space.

or

I didn't know what to expect from this experiment, but by the next day, the wall was entirely filled out, and it kept growing. And I'd like to share a few things that people wrote on this wall.

