

Gerunds

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- Gerunds are a verb form that ends in -ing and functions as a noun in a sentence. Gerunds express actions or states of being as they are based on verbs.
- **Examples:** walking, running, swimming, voting, traveling, hiking, amusing, etc.

Gerund Phrase

- A gerund phrase consists of a gerund plus the modifiers, pronouns, or noun phrases that function as direct objects, indirect objects, or complement the action in the gerund. They also do not require punctuation at the end of the phrase.
- **Example:** Playing Apples to Apples is a great way to spend an evening.
 - *Gerund:* Playing
 - *Clarifying Information:* Apples to Apples

Gerunds as the subject

- **Example 1:** Walking is good exercise
 - *simple subject:* walking, *verb:* is, *subject complement:* good exercise
- **Example 2:** Swimming is my favorite activity.
 - *Gerund:* swimming

Gerunds as the direct object

- Direct objects are words or phrases that receive the actions performed by the verb.
- **Example 1:** The neighbors do not like it when my dog is barking.
 - *Gerund:* barking
- **Example 2:** My brother loves napping.
 - *Gerund:* napping

Gerunds as the subject complement

- A subject complement is a word or phrase that follows a linking verb and identifies or describes the subject.
- **Example 1:** My brother's favorite activity is running.
 - *Gerund:* running
- **Example 2:** The exam was frustrating.
 - *Gerund:* frustrating

Gerund as the object of a preposition

- **Example 1 Gerund:** I have to go home after exercising.
 - *Gerund:* exercising.
- **Example 2 Gerund Phrase:** He got in trouble for avoiding his work and not completing it.
 - *Gerund Phrase:* avoiding his work and not completing it.

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Preposition

- A preposition is a word or group of words used before a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to show direction, time, place, location, spatial relationships, or to introduce an object. Some examples of prepositions are words like "in," "at," "on," "of," and "to."

Object of a preposition

- An object of a preposition is the word that comes after the preposition and describes the who, what, when, why, or how of that preposition

Infinitive Form of a verb

- Infinitives can be used as a noun, adjective, or adverb. The infinitive form of a verb can function as the subject of a sentence.
- **Example 1:** To vote is a legal obligation.
 - *subject:* to vote, *direct object:* a legal obligation
- **Example 2:** To vote in the upcoming election will be an important personal statement.
 - *Infinitive Phrase:* To vote in the upcoming election, *Direct Object:* an important personal statement, *Verb:* will be

Common Verbs followed only by a gerund

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| • admit | • complete | • enjoy | • mention | • postpone | • regret | • tolerate |
| • advise | • consider | • escape | • imagine | • practice | • resist | |
| • anticipate | • delay | • finish | • keep | • quit | • risk | |
| • appreciate | • deny | • imagine | • mention | • recall | • stop | |
| • avoid | • discuss | • keep | • miss | • recommend | • suggest | |

Common Verbs followed only by an infinitive

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| • afford | • claim | • forget | • need | • regret | • want |
| • agree | • consent | • help | • offer | • seem | • wish |
| • appear | • decide | • hesitate | • plan | • struggle | |
| • arrange | • demand | • hope | • prepare | • swear | |
| • ask | • deserve | • learn | • pretend | • threaten | |
| • beg | • expect | • manage | • promise | • volunteer | |
| • care | • fail | • mean | • refuse | • wait | |



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