

Grammar Worksheet :

The Gerund

Def. A noun that is derived from a verb and always ends in "-ing."

Ex: Yelling is fun.

The Gerund Phrase (or "gerundial" phrase)

Def. A gerund plus modifiers.

Ex: Yelling at my brother is fun. [The gerund phrase acts like the subject.]

Ex: I enjoy yelling at my brother. [The gerund phrase acts like the direct object.]

Wrong: *Mr. Jones will be running the school newspaper.*

(In this case, the word "running" is acting like a verb and not a noun.)

Part Three: Gerund Practice: Directions -

- Underline the gerund twice.
- Underline the entire gerund phrase once.
- Write "SUB" if the gerund acts like a subject, write "DO" if the gerund acts like the direct object, or write "OP" if the gerund acts like the object of a preposition.

EX: Alysa heard clapping in the next room.

DO

EX: Alex learned about writing sentences.

OP

14. His mother gave him five dollars for cleaning the patio.
15. Running into Bob was an uncomfortable situation.
16. Eating oatmeal can help your heart.
17. The crazy boys tried jumping from the roof.
18. Adam's identification card was ruined during the washing of his jeans.
19. Biting your Jolly Rancher is bad for your teeth.
20. Tom likes making dinners that are delicious
21. Coal mining should be stopped for environmental reasons.
22. Sailing to the middle of the ocean would be difficult.
23. The newspaper forbids publishing pictures without permission.

Part Four: Gerund Practice: Directions -

- Write three sentences including gerunds or gerund phrases.
- Underline the gerund twice.
- Underline the entire gerund phrase once.
- Write "SUB" if the gerund acts like a subject, write "DO" if the gerund acts like the direct object, or write "OP" if the gerund acts like the object of a preposition.

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