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Camp Grammar - Day 4

Gerunds are nouns formed from verbs. Gerunds are formed by adding ING to verbs.

There are a few spelling rules that you need to know in order to form gerunds correctly. The spelling of a gerund depends on the **vowels** (a, e, i, o, u) and **consonants** (b, c, d, f, etc.) at the end of the verb.

Rules:

1. If there is more than one consonant, just add ING (think + ing = thinking).
2. If there is more than one vowel, just add ING (beat + ing = beating).
3. If there is one vowel and one consonant, and the syllable is stressed, double the consonant and add ING (hit + t + ing = hitting)
4. If there are one or more consonants and E, remove the E and add ING (take + Ing = taking)
5. In most other cases, just add ING (study + ing = studying; see + ing = seeing)

Circle the gerund in the sentence.

1. When we got to our campsite, we saw many other campers setting up tents.
2. My dad was singing as we started the fire and started making stew.
3. While Dad was stirring the pot of food, I went exploring near the stream.
4. Although I had been camping before I was excited to be camping near running water.
5. Some kids were playing in the water and splashing each other.
6. The sun was shining and the birds were singing.
7. I heard Dad calling me, so I walked back to our tent, grinning from ear to ear.



Write the gerund for the words below.

8. read _____
9. look _____
10. create _____
11. crash _____
12. hike _____
13. step _____