

B Look at the help box and decide if the –ing forms in these sentences are gerunds, present participles or adjectives .Write g, pp, or adj.

- 1 PCs generate graphics by performing mathematical calculations on data.
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- 2 Colour picker lets you pick a colour from an area of an image, instead of choosing the
colour from the colour palette.
- 3 Zoom is like a magnifying glass which changes your view of drawing.
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- 4 She is designing a logo for the company.
- 5 If you need to make a presentation, I suggest using Power Point.
- 6 The Internet is a network linking other networks

C Read the passage below, then underline the gerunds and decide whether they function as the subject, the subject complement, the object of a verb, or the object of a preposition.

You cannot create a picture simply by specifying primitives. Instead, you must specify the primitives and their attributes, then transform them by specifying where and how you want them placed on the screen so they create your picture. Transformation means moving or otherwise manipulating the object by translating, rotating and scaling the object. Translation is moving an object along an axis to somewhere else in the viewing area. Rotation is turning the object around an axis. Scaling is making the object larger or smaller in any of the horizontal, vertical or depth directions (corresponding to the x, y and z axes).The term rendering describes the techniques used to make your object look real. Rendering includes hidden surface removal, shading, light sources and reflections.

D Rewrite the following passage using the –ing form. Some changes are necessary.

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