

1. Hearing a loud noise, we ran to the window.

→ Participle (qualifying the pronoun we)

2. The motorcyclist was fatally injured in the accident and is now fighting for his life.

→ Participle (qualifying the noun motorcyclist.)

3. He ruined his sight by watching TV all day.

→ gerund (based of the preposition by)

4. We saw a clown standing on his head

→ Participle (qualifying the noun clown)

5. Asking questions is a whole lot easier than answering them.

→ gerund (subject of is) gerund.

6. Waving their hands, the audience cheered the winner.

→ Participle (qualifying the noun audience)

7. Plucking flowers is forbidden.

gerund (subject of the verb is)

8. Jumping over the fence, the thief escaped.

Participle (qualifying the noun ~~audience~~ thief.)

9. I was surprised at John's being absent.

→ gerund (Subject of the verb is)

10. He spent the whole day playing cards.

gerund (complement of the noun whole day)

11. A miser hates spending his money.

gerund (object of the verb hates)

12. John was angry at Alice trying to lie to her.

gerund (~~complement of the~~ object of the preposition at)

13. Praising all alike is praising none.

→ gerund
(Subject of the verb is)

gerund
(complement of the verb is)

14. Are you afraid of speaking the truth?

gerund

(object of the preposition of)

15. Singing to herself is her chief delight.

→ gerund

(Subject of the verb is)