

**Activity #4**

**PART 1: Instructions:** Indicate how the gerund in each sentence is being used:  
Noun, Adjective or Verb.

1. Go get the **shopping** list, I need it before I leave to work in an hour.

**Adjective.**

1. His favorite sport is **swimming**.

**Noun.**

2. **Reading** is an important skill.

**Noun.**

3. Don't worry about anything, they are **contacting** the guests to cancel the event.

**Verb.**

4. My job is **making** reservations for overnight guests at the hotel.

**Verb.**

5. Her **singing** is hurting my ears.

**Noun.**

6. He went into the **swimming** pool after the class.

**Adjective.**

7. Was she **explaining** the instructions for the project?

**Verb.**

8. It's **disappointing** how children nowadays do not respect their elders.

**Noun.**

**PART 2: Instructions:** For each number write a complete sentence using a gerund (words with –ING) with the function indicated. Use the same word in the 3 functions, if your verb is “smoking” you will use “smoking” as a verb, “smoking” as an adjective and “smoking” as a noun. **UNDERLINE** the gerund in each sentence. For example:

My colleagues are all **smoking** outside.

**Smoking** costs a lot of money.

This is not a **smoking** area, please do not smoke.

**9.**

Verb:

My classmates are all **playing** video games in the other classroom teacher.

Noun:

**Playing** music is a very nice ability to have.

Adjective:

This is not a **playing** area, there are very dangerous things for your children.

**2.**

Verb:

My mom is all **washing** the dog in the back yard.

Noun:

**Washing** your teeth 3 times a day is important for your health.

Adjective:

This is a horrible **washing** machine, we bought it just two weeks ago and it doesn't work now.

**3.**

Verb:

My sister is **writing** an interview that made me yesterday for his school.

Noun:

**Writing** is such an important ability to learn for 1<sup>st</sup> grade children.

Adjective:

My grandfather needs to learn how to use a laptop, he can't keep using his **writing** machine.