

Writing

Gerunds



Cycling is good exercise.

Vahid enjoys **cycling**.

A gerund is a **verb + -ing** that works like a noun. A gerund can be a subject or an object in a sentence.

Gerund as Subject

- **Swimming** is useful for everyone.
- **Reading** helps us learn English.

A gerund is always singular. When one gerund is the subject of a sentence, it takes a singular verb.

- Walking **makes** me happy.

But when two gerunds form the subject, the verb is plural.

- Cycling and jogging **are** my favorite sports.

Sometimes a noun follows a gerund:

- **Playing football** was his fun.
- **Taking photos** is her hobby.
- **Learning a language** takes time.