



Gerund

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Gerund is a verb form that allows verbs to function as nouns.

*Cigarettes are bad for your health. → **Smoking cigarettes** is bad for your health.*

In the first sentence, the subject is a noun ('**cigarettes**').

In the second sentence, the subject is a gerund verb phrase ('**smoking cigarettes**').

Forming Gerunds

Gerunds take the same '**-ing**' ending as the present participle:

*I am **eating**. → **Eating** too much is unhealthy.*

*She is **singing**. → She likes **singing**.*



Usage of Gerunds

We use gerunds as:

1. **Subjects** (*ex:* **Hiking** is good for your health.)
2. **Objects** (*ex:* He enjoys **hiking**.)
3. **Subject complements** (*ex:* My favorite activity is **hiking**.)
4. **Objects of prepositions** (*ex:* I asked him about **hiking up Mt. Everest**.)



Exercise 2 – Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the gerund form of the verb provided.

1. _____ with my dog is relaxing. (play)
2. My hobby is _____. (hike)
3. _____ is my worst fear. (drown)
4. I learn a lot from _____. (travel)
5. I'm excited about _____ in England. (study)
6. She does not like _____ about her past. (talk)
7. My least favorite thing to do is _____ the house. (clean)
8. What I hate most is _____ myself. (repeat)



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: sleep, make your body stronger. → Sleeping will make your body stronger.

Content:

1. exercise, keep you fit.
2. watch less TV, good for eyes.
3. eat slowly, help you digest better.
4. drink less alcohol, keep your liver healthy.
5. drink more water, stay hydrated.
6. read, favorite hobby.