

Gerunds

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CHAPTER 1

DEFINITION

A gerund is a verb form that functions as a noun. A gerund is created by adding the suffix "-ing" to the base form of a verb.

Like all nouns, gerunds can be used as subjects, objects of verbs, objects of prepositions, or complements.

Gerunds

Gerund: a noun ending "ing" that has been formed from a verb



Properties

Unlike a normal noun, a gerund can be modified by an adverb and take an object

carefully painting the fence

adverb

gerund

direct object

CHAPTER 2

PROPERTIES

Unlike a normal noun, a gerund maintains some verb-like properties.

For example:

- drinking a flagon (The gerund drinking has a direct object, a flagon.)
- driving erratically (The gerund driving is modified with an adverb, erratically.)
- regularly visiting the hospital (The gerund visiting is modified with an adverb, regularly, and has a direct object, the hospital.)

