Gerunds

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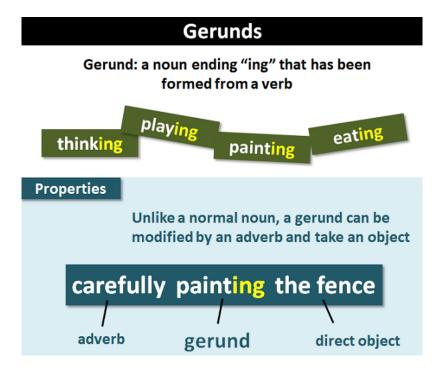
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	DEFINITION

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.



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	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.)



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3.1 Gerunds

Gerunds are best for use in sentences about actions that are real or complete, or that have been completed.

- I stopped worrying about the future. In this example, the worrying was real and it happened until I stopped.
- We really enjoy climbing mountains. In this example, the climbing is real and it's something we like to do.

3.2 Infinitives

Infinitives are best for use in sentences about actions that are unreal or abstract, or that will occur in the future.

- I'd like you to think about something. In this example, I'm asking you to think about something, but the thinking hasn't happened yet.
- Can we take a walk without you stopping to smoke? In this example, we're talking about taking a walk and the smoking hasn't happened yet.