

Gerunds

Gerund—verbal that ends in **-ing** and is used as a noun.

1. **“Healing** requires taking responsibility for your actions” (12).
2. Cole expresses his anger by **fighting**.
3. The island requires **healing**.

“It” Test

- Before doing ANYTHING, you should do the “it” test first.
- If you decide the word is a gerund, you should be able to replace it with the word “it”. If it makes sense when you replace the word with “it”
- **Ex: Snorkeling** is a wonderful adventure.
 - It is a wonderful adventure.
 - Does this make sense?

Gerund Practice

1. A win requires earning.
2. Kicking earns points in two different ways in this sport.
3. A team earns three points by kicking.
4. Defending goal is crucial in most sports.
5. Eating is allowed only in the lobby.
6. The mosquitoes finally stopped biting.
7. Walking is good exercise.

Directions: Circle the gerund in the following sentences and write if the gerund is functioning as a Subject, Direct Object, Predicate Noun, or Object of a Preposition.

Date:

Name:

- After the incidents, the chefs resumed cooking. _____
- The cat irritated the homeowner by scratching. _____
- Driving can be dangerous if you are not careful. _____
- They maintain endurance by running. _____
- The athletes enjoy exercising. _____
- One of the camp's most popular activities is canoeing. _____
- Blocking requires strength. _____
- Winning is always exciting. _____
- Kicking takes skill. _____
- Mr. Cross enjoys texting. _____