

Name Answer Key

Can you tell the difference between a GERUND and a PARTICIPIAL?

The following sentences contain either a gerund or a participial. Locate the phrase, underline it, and then identify if it is a past participial (past part.), present participial (pres. Part) or a gerund (ger.) If it is a gerund, you must identify what kind of gerund (object of prep, subject, direct/indirect object, predicate nomnative/adjective)

1. G <sup>S</sup> Managing a household takes organization and creativity.
2. P <sup>Pres.</sup> Ducking into the bus shelter, Angela avoided the rain.
3. G <sup>DO</sup> Marion hated spending time on details.
4. G <sup>S</sup> Whispering in front of others is rude.
5. P <sup>Pres.</sup> The light shining in the hall welcomed Jack home.
6. P <sup>Past</sup> The treaty, negotiated with such care, failed to achieve peace.
7. G <sup>OP</sup> By doing homework on time, a student may do better.
8. P The yelps of the dogs straining on their leashes disturbed the neighborhood.
9. P <sup>Pres.</sup> The ice cracking in the pond made an eerie sound.
10. P <sup>Past</sup> Inspired by the new rug, we painted the living room.
11. G His job is guarding the building. <sup>PN</sup>
12. G <sup>OP</sup> The reason for delaying the airplane was unclear to the passengers.
13. P <sup>Pres.</sup> Shaping the clay carefully, he created a smooth surface.
14. G <sup>OP</sup> There is little point in raising that subject again.
15. G <sup>S</sup> Studying one's family history can be fascinating.
16. P <sup>Pres.</sup> The swimmer, entering the water with no splash, performed better than ever.
17. P <sup>Past</sup> The power lines, damaged by the storm, were repaired.
18. G <sup>S</sup> Driving long distances tires truck drivers.
19. G <sup>PN</sup> Paul's special talent is painting portraits of his friends and family.
20. P <sup>Pres.</sup> Traveling across the country, we had many adventures.