

Identifying Gerunds and Gerund Phrases
(Rules 6 a, d)

EXERCISE A Underline the gerunds in the following sentences. On the line provided, identify each gerund by writing *S* for subject, *DO* for direct object, *IO* for indirect object, *PN* for predicate nominative, or *OP* for object of a preposition.

- EXAMPLES DO 1. Do you like hiking?
PN, PN 2. Dan's favorite activities are camping and fishing.

- _____ 1. Wyatt learned television repair through taking correspondence courses.
_____ 2. Batini enjoys wearing kente-cloth skirts.
_____ 3. Walking daily is an excellent habit to acquire.
_____ 4. In fact, I give walking my highest recommendation.
_____ 5. One way of helping the environment is by recycling everything possible.
_____ 6. Traveling through the Navajo lands in Arizona can be a thrilling experience.
_____ 7. My uncle Buck's surprise was his successfully riding a zebra he had trained.
_____ 8. We enjoy hearing Count Basie's jazz on old records.
_____ 9. A simple way to please a dog is playing its favorite games.
_____ 10. Mando gives rock climbing a top priority.

EXERCISE B Complete each of the following phrases or sentences by adding a gerund or gerund phrase that serves the function indicated in parentheses.

- EXAMPLES 1. My very dramatic brother enjoys (*direct object*). My very dramatic brother enjoys performing.
2. My hobby is (*predicate nominative*). My hobby is writing poetry.

1. Paloma gave (*indirect object*) her total concentration. _____

2. (*subject*) is fun if you like the ocean. _____

3. Julio's favorite part of baseball is (*predicate nominative*). _____

4. My Mexican aunt taught me (*direct object*). _____

5. You need to use caution in (*object of the preposition*). _____

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A. Combining Sentences Using Gerund Phrases

Use gerund phrases to combine each set of sentences into one sentence. Begin each sentence with the gerund phrase. Underline the phrase.

1. There was one clear objective in the gourmet cooking class. That was to guide the students to culinary mastery.

2. Jason solved his problem of lack of ingredients. He cut his recipe in half.

3. Mix the batter for five minutes. This produces a light and fluffy dessert.

4. Of all his jobs, Nick had a favorite one. He ground coffee beans at the local coffee house.

5. Freeze blueberries when they are plentiful. This gives you a taste of summer during the winter months.

