

Gerunds Additional Practice

Helpful Hints for Identifying Gerunds

1. What is a Gerund?
A gerund is a verb form that ends in -ing and functions as a noun in a sentence.
2. Identifying Gerunds:
 - Look for words ending in -ing.
 - Ask yourself if the -ing word is acting as a subject, an object, or a predicate nominative.
3. What are the Roles of Gerunds?
 - Subject: The gerund performs the action of the verb.
Example: Swimming is fun. (Here, "swimming" is the subject.)
 - Object: The gerund receives the action of the verb.
Example: I enjoy reading. (Here, "reading" is the object.)
 - Predicate Nominative: The gerund renames the subject after a linking verb.
Example: Her favorite activity is dancing. (Here, "dancing" is the predicate nominative.)

Practice Exercises

Read each sentence below. Identify the gerund and indicate whether it is acting as the subject, direct object, object of the preposition, or predicate nominative.

1. Cooking is my favorite hobby.
2. She loves running in the morning.
3. His job is teaching young children.
4. I dislike cleaning the house.
5. Hiking in the mountains is exciting.
6. They discussed traveling to Europe.
7. Jogging every morning helps improve my health.
8. The kids enjoy playing outside after school.
9. Writing stories is a skill I want to develop.
10. I find studying math challenging but rewarding.
11. Her favorite hobby is photographing nature.
12. They discussed organizing a charity event.
13. Dancing at the party was a lot of fun.
14. I appreciate your helping me with my homework.
15. His passion for cooking drives him to try new recipes.
16. The most exciting part of the trip was exploring the ancient ruins.
17. She is good at drawing portraits.
18. He apologized for being late to the meeting.
19. They are committed to improving their skills.
20. I can't help feeling that something is wrong.