

# Gerunds

Gerunds are *nouns* that look like verbs ending in “ing”. The negative of a gerund is formed by adding the word “not” before a gerund. Gerunds may function in the following three ways:

- 1) As the subject
  - 2) As the object
  - 3) As the subject complement
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## 1) Gerunds that function as the subject of a sentence.

Example: Writing is fun.

In this example, “Writing” is the subject of the sentence. It is also a gerund.

Example: Not concentrating can be dangerous while driving.

In this example, “Not concentrating” is the subject of the sentence. It is also a gerund.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate gerund.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a good way to get exercise.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ too much can cause sickness.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ is very relaxing.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ is an activity done in winter.
- 5) Not \_\_\_\_\_ is harder than you think.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences using subjective gerunds.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) Gerunds that function as the object of a sentence.

Example: We are tired of working.

In this example, “working” is the object of the sentence. It is also a gerund.

Example: He is tired from not getting enough rest yesterday.

In this example, “not getting” is the object of the sentence. It is also a gerund.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate gerund.

- 1) I am sore from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) I look forward to \_\_\_\_\_ you this afternoon.
- 3) She likes \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach.
- 4) He was punished for not \_\_\_\_\_ on time.
- 5) We lost because we were not \_\_\_\_\_ hard enough.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences using objective gerunds.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Gerunds that function as the subject complement of a sentence.

Example: Their specialty is fixing computers.

In this example, “fixing” is the subject complement of the sentence. It is also a gerund.

Example: The dog is not eating.

In this example, “not eating” is the subject complement of the sentence. It is also a gerund.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate gerund.

- 1) My hobby is \_\_\_\_\_ guitar.
- 2) Her favorite activity is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) His car is \_\_\_\_\_ down the road.
- 4) My computer is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Their house is not \_\_\_\_\_.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences using subject complementary gerunds.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_