

What is Gerund?

A gerund is a **verbal noun** (Verb + ing), usually ending in "-ing," that functions as a noun within the sentence.

Formation of Gerund

It is formed by taking the present participle (Verb + ing) of a verb (the form of the verb that ends in -ing) and using it as a noun. For example, the gerund form of "run" is "running."

Examples of Gerund

"**Reading** is a great way to relax." (subject)

"I enjoy **swimming** in the pool." (Direct object)

"Her hobby is **painting**." (compliment)

List of Some Common Gerunds

1- Cooking

5- Swimming

9- Crying

2- Eating

6- Writing

10- Singing

3- Painting

7- Shopping

4- Dancing

8- Jogging

Functions And Uses Of Gerunds

Functions of Gerunds

Here are 5 Functions of Gerunds;

- 1- As Subject: **Swimming** is her favorite sport.
- 2- As Direct Object: She loves **swimming** in the pool.
- 3- As Modifier or Adjective: She bought a **swimming** suit.
- 4- After prepositions: She is interested in **swimming**.
- 5- After Certain Verbs: He enjoys **swimming** every day.

Uses of Gerunds

- 1- Gerunds can be used as the subject of a sentence.
- 2- They can also be used after certain verbs, like enjoy, stop, and finish.
- 3- Gerunds can also act as modifiers or adjectives.
- 4- Finally, they can be used after prepositions to create complex phrases.

By using gerunds, writers can easily switch between tenses and create more complex sentences. Gerunds are also helpful for describing activities in a precise way. They are versatile words that provide an opportunity for writers to express ideas more clearly.

Gerunds also help create interesting sentences by adding variety and texture to writing. For example, instead of simply saying “She likes to exercise” one could say “She enjoys **running** every morning” which provides more detail about the activity.

Types of Gerunds

There are four types of gerunds and gerund phrases;

1- Subject:

This type of gerund is used as the subject of a verb. For example, "**Voting** is an important right." In this sentence, 'voting' is the subject and it is a gerund.

Gerund As Subject Examples

- 1- **Running** is a great way to stay in shape.
- 2- **Swimming** is my favorite sport.
- 3- **Singing** can be therapeutic.
- 4- **Studying** can be difficult but rewarding.
- 5- **Shopping** can be fun.

2- Direct Object:

A gerund can also be used as a direct object for a verb. An example of this is "I enjoy **cooking**." In this sentence, 'cooking' is the direct object and it is a gerund.

Gerund As Direct Object Examples

- 1- I love **reading** books.
- 2- He hates **studying** for tests.
- 3- She enjoys **cooking** meals.
- 4- We prefer **swimming** in the ocean.
- 5- They dislike **running** long distances.

Types of Gerunds

3- Object of Preposition:

A gerund can also be used as the object of a preposition. An example of this is "We talked about **going** to the movies." In this sentence, 'going' is the object of the preposition 'about' and it is a gerund.

Gerund As Object of Preposition Examples

- 1- She dreamed about **traveling** the world.
- 2- Ali decided against **running** for office.
- 3- They argued about **studying** abroad.
- 4- He thought about **taking** some classes.
- 5- They talked about **going** to the beach.

4- Subject Complement:

A gerund can also be used as a subject complement, which means it is used after a linking verb and describes the subject of the sentence. An example of this is "Her hobby is **diving**." In this sentence, 'swimming' is the subject complement and it is a gerund.

Gerund As Subject Complement Examples

- 1- His favorite activity is **playing** basketball.
- 2- Our pastime is **fishing**.
- 3- His job was **teaching** English.
- 4- My goal is **studying** hard.
- 5- Our hobby is **hiking**.

Verbs Followed By Gerunds

- 1- **Accept:** He *accepted going* to the party.
- 2- **Admire:** He *admires working* with boss.
- 3- **Admit:** She *admitted stealing* the money.
- 4- **Adopt:** They *adopted using* green energy in their home.
- 5- **Agree:** They *agreed meeting* up after work.
- 6- **Aim:** She *aims finishing* the project before the deadline.
- 7- **Anticipate:** They *anticipate going* on vacation soon.
- 8- **Appear:** He *appears studying* the map.
- 9- **Appreciate:** He *appreciated having* her assistance.
- 10- **Argue:** She is *arguing talking* to me like that.
- 11- **Arrange:** We *arranged going* on a camping trip next month.
- 12- **Avoid:** I'm *avoiding eating* junk food.
- 13- **Begin:** She *began learning* Spanish last year.
- 14- **Consider:** I'm *considering taking* a class on painting.
- 15- **Continue:** They *continued studying* until midnight.
- 16- **Crave:** She *craves eating* ice cream.
- 17- **Decide:** They *decided going* to the movies tonight.
- 18- **Defend:** He *defended taking* an extra day off work.
- 19- **Delay:** We had to *delay going* to the beach because of bad weather.
- 20- **Demand:** She *demands having* her own way.

Verbs Followed By Gerunds

- 21- **Deny:** She *denied stealing* the money.
- 22- **Deserve:** He *deserves getting* the promotion.
- 23- **Desire:** She *desires having* her own place.
- 24- **Determine:** He *determined working* late tonight.
- 25- **Discuss:** We *discussed going* to the beach this weekend.
- 26- **Dislike:** He *dislikes running* on the treadmill.
- 27- **Dread:** He *dreads going* to meetings.
- 28- **Endure:** She *endured doing* the same job for years.
- 29- **Enjoy:** She *enjoys swimming* in the lake every morning.
- 30- **Expect:** We *expect visiting* Eiffel Tower when we go to Paris.
- 31- **Fail:** He *failed passing* the exam.
- 32- **Fear:** I *fear making* a mistake.
- 33- **Finish:** Have you *finished writing* your essay?
- 34- **Forget:** Don't *forget taking* your medication before bedtime.
- 35- **Go:** We should *go shopping* this afternoon.
- 36- **Hate:** I hate *doing laundry*.
- 37- **Hesitate:** She *hesitated asking* for help.
- 38- **Hope:** They *hope finding* a better job soon.
- 39- **Ignore:** Don't *ignore talking* to him.
- 40- **Imagine:** I can't *imagine living* without music.

Verbs Followed By Gerunds

- 41- **Intend:** He *intends going* to school next year.
- 42- **Invite:** We *invited going* camping this weekend.
- 43- **Involve:** This job *involves working* late nights.
- 44- **Keep:** You should *keep trying* until you find the right solution.
- 45- **Like:** She *likes eating* ice cream.
- 46- **Love:** He *loves playing* tennis on Sundays.
- 47- **Mention:** He *mentioned visiting* the museum next week.
- 48- **Miss:** I *miss having* my old friends around.
- 49- **Need:** She *needs working* hard to get into college.
- 50- **Negotiate:** They *negotiated getting* a better salary.
- 51- **Obey:** They *obey following* the rules and regulations.
- 52- **Offer:** He *offered taking* her out for dinner.
- 53- **Persuade:** He *persuaded going* on vacation with his family.
- 54- **Plan:** We *plan on visiting* Europe next summer.
- 55- **Postpone:** We had to *postpone going* camping because of rain.
- 56- **Practice:** I need to *practice speaking* Spanish more often.
- 57- **Prefer:** She *prefers working* in the morning.
- 58- **Prevent:** You should *prevent making* the same mistake again.
- 59- **Propose:** He *proposed taking* a break from work.
- 60- **Provide:** She *provided hosting* the party at her house.

Verbs Followed By Gerunds

- 61- **Quit:** Have you *quit smoking* yet?
- 62- **Recommend:** The doctor *recommends exercising* more often.
- 63- **Reconsider:** I'm *reconsidering taking* this job.
- 64- **Refuse:** He *refused attending* the meeting.
- 65- **Regret:** She *regrets studying* harder in school.
- 66- **Request:** He *requested taking* a day off work.
- 67- **Resist:** She *resisted eating* chocolate for a week.
- 68- **Risk:** He *risks getting* hurt if he tries that stunt again.
- 69- **Select:** She *selected taking* the bus instead of driving.
- 70- **Start:** We should *start exercising* more regularly.
- 71- **Strive:** He *strives achieving* his goals.
- 72- **Struggle:** He *struggles studying* for exams.
- 73- **Suggest:** She *suggested taking* a break from studying.
- 74- **Support:** We *support taking* time off to relax.
- 75- **Threaten:** He *threatened quitting* his job if he didn't get a raise.
- 76- **Transfer:** He *transferred going* to a different school.
- 77- **Try:** I'm *trying eating* more vegetables.
- 78- **Understand:** Do you *understand using* a computer?
- 79- **Urge:** I *urge eating* more fruits and vegetables.
- 80- **Use:** We *use going* out for dinner when we need a break.

List of Gerunds

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| 1- Accepting | 21- Avoiding | 41- Checking |
| 2- Accomplishing | 22- Backing | 42- Choking |
| 3- Accounting | 23- Balancing | 43- Choosing |
| 4- Achiving | 24- Bargaining | 44- Claiming |
| 5- Acting | 25- Bashing | 45- Closing |
| 6- Adding | 26- Battling | 46- Collecting |
| 7- Admiring | 27- Becoming | 47- Comforting |
| 8- Advising | 28- Beginning | 48- Communicating |
| 9- Affording | 29- Behaving | 49- Comparing |
| 10- Allowing | 30- Believing | 50- Complaining |
| 11- Announcing | 31- Blaming | 51- Completing |
| 12- Answering | 32- Blessing | 52- Concentrating |
| 13- Apologizing | 33- Boasting | 53- Considering |
| 14- Appearing | 34- Booking | 54- Consisting |
| 15- Appreciating | 35- Breathing | 55- Consuming |
| 16- Approaching | 36- Calling | 56- Containing |
| 17- Arranging | 37- Carrying | 57- Continuing |
| 18- Asking | 38- Catching | 58- Copying |
| 19- Attaching | 39- Challenging | 59- Correcting |
| 20- Attending | 40- Changing | 60- Costing |

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61- Counting	81- Disobeying	101- Filling
62- Covering	82- Doing	102- Finding
63- Cracking	83- Doubting	103- Finishing
64- Creating	84- Drawing	104- Following
65- Crossing	85- Dreaming	105- Forbidding
66- Crying	86- Drinking	106- Forgiving
67- Curling	87- Driving	107- Forming
68- Cutting	88- Eating	108- Founding
69- Deciding	89- Enjoying	109- Gaining
70- Declaring	90- Entertaining	110- Gathering
71- Decorating	91- Escaping	111- Getting
72- Delivering	92- Examining	112- Giving
73- Demanding	93- Existing	113- Going
74- Describing	94- Expecting	114- Greeting
75- Designing	95- Explaining	115- Growing
76- Destroying	96- Exploring	116- Guessing
77- Developing	97- Expressing	117- Handling
78- Disappearing	98- Farming	118- Hanging
79- Discovering	99- Fetching	119- Happening
80- Discussing	100- Fighting	120- Helping

List of Gerunds

121- Hiding	141- Laughing	161- Occuring
122- Holding	142- Leading	162- Offering
123- Hoping	143- Listening	163- Operating
124- Hurting	144- Living	164- Ordering
125- Identifying	145- Locking	165- Organizing
126- Imagining	146- Looking	166- Originating
127- Importing	147- Loving	167- Overcoming
128- Including	148- Managing	168- Paying
129- Increasing	149- Marrying	169- Performing
130- Informing	150- Matching	170- Planning
131- Inserting	151- Measuring	171- Playing
132- Inspiring	152- Meeting	172- Pointing
133- Instructing	153- Memorizing	173- Possessing
134- Inviting	154- Mentioning	174- Posting
135- Joining	155- Mixing	175- Practising
136- Keeping	156- Moving	176- Preaching
137- Kicking	157- Naming	177- Picking
138- Killing	158- Needing	178- Placing
139- Knowing	159- Noticing	179- Planting
140- Lasting	160- Obtaining	180- Pointing

List of Gerunds

181- Presenting	201- Refusing	221- Searching
182- Preserving	202- Regretting	222- Seeing
183- Pretending	203- Rejecting	223- Selling
184- Preventing	204- Rejoicing	224- Serving
185- Producing	205- Remaining	225- Setting
186- Promising	206- Remembering	226- Shaking
187- Protecting	207- Repeating	227- Sharing
188- Providing	208- Replacing	228- Showing
189- Pulling	209- Reporting	229- Singing
190- Pushing	210- Representing	230- Smiling
191- Questioning	211- Requesting	231- Solving
192- Reaching	212- Rescuing	232- Speaking
193- Reacting	213- Researching	233- Splitting
194- Reading	214- Responding	234- Spreading
195- Realizing	215- Resting	235- Starting
196- Receiving	216- Retaining	236- Staying
197- Recognizing	217- Returning	237- Stepping
198- Recommending	218- Ruling	238- Stopping
199- Recording	219- Running	239- Struggling
200- Recovering	220- Screaming	240- Suggesting

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| 241- Supplying | 261- Walking |
| 242- Supporting | 262- Wanting |
| 243- Suspecting | 263- Warning |
| 244- Taking | 264- Watching |
| 245- Teaching | 265- Weeping |
| 246- Telling | 266- Winning |
| 247- Testing | 267- Wishing |
| 248- Thinking | 268- Working |
| 249- Throwing | 269- Worrying |
| 250- Touching | 270- Writing |
| 251- Training | 271- Yelling |
| 252- Travelling | 272- Zipping |
| 253- Treating | 273- Zooming |
| 254- Trusting | |
| 255- Trying | |
| 256- Turning | |
| 257- Using | |
| 258- Visiting | |
| 259- Waiting | |
| 260- Waking | |