What is a Gerund?

Gerunds are formed by adding -ing to the base form of a verb: running, talking, doing. (The ing form is often called the present participle.)

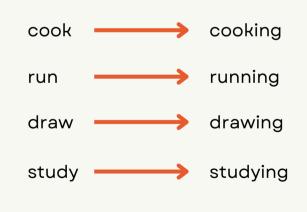
Gerund

A gerund is a **verb** that functions as a **noun**.

To make a gerund, add *-ing* to the base form of a verb.

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Examples



Gerunds <u>must</u> be used as nouns in a sentence, as the subject, the object of the verb, or the object of the preposition.

- <u>Cooking</u> is her favorite hobby.
- + He loves <u>running</u>.
- I use my journal for <u>drawing</u>.
- ♦ <u>Studying</u> helps us learn.

Try it! Create three sentences using gerunds and share it in class.

What is Infinitives?

Infinitives are a special form of verbs that can be used as a noun, adjective, or adverb. They are usually made by adding the word to before the base verb.



Infinitives

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An **infinitive** is the basic form of a verb, having no tense and not being conjugated.

Examples

• To be

• To see

- To eat
- To do To go
 - To wear
- To feel To sleep

Infinitives have a number of forms. These are the most common:

- → SIMPLE: Eva wants to become a lawyer.
- → **PROGRESSIVE:** They seem to be telling the truth.
- → **PERFECT:** He hopes to have finished his work by next Friday.
- → **PASSIVE:** Anna deserves to be promoted.
- → PASSIVE PERFECT: We pretended to have been surprised.

Try it! Create three sentences using infinitives and share it in class.