

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.)

Examples

cook → cooking
run → running
draw → drawing
study → studying



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Gerund

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

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

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

- ◆ Cooking is her favorite hobby.
- ◆ He loves running.
- ◆ I use my journal for drawing.
- ◆ Studying 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.



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Infinitives

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

Examples

- To be
- To do
- To see
- To feel
- To eat
- To go
- To wear
- 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.



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