

Namaste English Mastery Course on Verbs

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QUIZZES



Daily Practice



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From Basic to Advance level

Verbs Day 9

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Introduction to the course

- ❖ It's important that we have the knowledge of verbs along with the knowledge of tenses. So, this time we have brought a special course for you all.
- ❖ In this course you will get mastery on Verbs.
- ❖ Your spoken part will improve.
- ❖ Your written part will be rhetoric, after you have attended all the sessions of this course.

Gerunds

A gerund is a verbal that ends in *-ing* and functions as a noun. The term *verbal* indicates that a gerund, like the other two kinds of verbals, is based on a verb and therefore expresses action or a state of being. However, since a gerund functions as a noun, it occupies some positions in a sentence that a noun ordinarily would, for example: subject, direct object, subject complement, and object of preposition.

Gerund as subject:

- Traveling might satisfy your desire for new experiences. (Traveling is the gerund.)
- The study abroad program might satisfy your desire for new experiences. (The gerund has been removed.)

Gerund as direct object:

- They do not appreciate my singing. (The gerund is singing.)
- They do not appreciate my assistance. (The gerund has been removed)

Gerund as subject complement:

- My cat's favorite activity is sleeping. (The gerund is sleeping.)
- My cat's favorite food is salmon. (The gerund has been removed.)

Gerund as object of preposition:

- The police arrested him for speeding. (The gerund is speeding.)
- The police arrested him for criminal activity. (The gerund has been removed.)



A gerund phrase is a group of words consisting of a gerund and the modifier(s) and/or (pro)noun(s) or noun phrase(s) that function as the direct object(s), indirect object(s), or complement(s) of the action or state expressed in the gerund, such as:

❖ **The gerund phrase functions as the subject of the sentence.**

Sentence:

Finding a needle in a haystack would be easier than what we're trying to do.

Finding is a gerund)

A needle (is direct object of action expressed in gerund)
in a haystack (prepositional phrase as adverb)

❖ **The gerund phrase functions as the direct object of the verb appreciate.**

I hope that you appreciate **my** offering **you** this opportunity.

My (in the above sentence is possessive pronoun adjective form, modifying the gerund)

offering (gerund)

You (in the above sentence is indirect object of action expressed in gerund) this opportunity (direct object of action expressed in gerund)

❖ **The gerund phrase functions as the subject complement.**

Tom's favorite tactic has been jabbering away to his constituents.

jabbering away to (is a gerund)

his constituents (direct object of action expressed in gerund)

❖ **The gerund phrase functions as the object of the preposition for.**

You might get in trouble for faking an illness to avoid work.

faking (gerund)

an illness (direct object of action expressed in gerund)

to avoid work (infinitive phrase as adverb)

❖ **The gerund phrase functions as the subject of the sentence.**

Being the boss made Jeff feel uneasy.

Being (is gerund)

the boss (is subject complement for Jeff, via state of being expressed in gerund)

PUNCTUATION

A gerund virtually never requires any punctuation with it.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ A gerund is a verbal ending in -ing that is used as a noun.
- ❖ A gerund phrase consists of a gerund plus modifier(s), object(s), and/or complement(s).
- ❖ Gerunds and gerund phrases virtually never require punctuation.

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