

Gerunds

A gerund is a verb ending in **-ing** that functions as a noun. That means a gerund can be the subject, object, or complement in a sentence.

- Ex) **Playing** chess is fun.
- Explanation: Playing comes from the verb “play”, but the word “playing” serves as the subject of this sentence, and means the act of playing.

Directions: Underline the action verbs, and circle the gerunds. If there isn't an action verb, leave as is. The first one is done for you.

1. My mother knows that swimming in the ocean is my favorite summer activity.
2. Traveling to new places opens your mind to new ideas.
3. I love dancing in the rain.
4. Watching cartoons on Saturday mornings is a tradition in my house.
5. They talked about going to a haunted house this weekend.
6. His favorite hobby is collecting anime figurines.
7. Hiding under the bed was difficult because of all the clutter.
8. Kathy, who turns 6 years old this summer, is afraid of sleeping in total darkness.
9. Corey is interested in learning.
10. We apologized frantically for breaking the witch's mirror.
11. Kathy enjoys telling creepy stories to her siblings.
12. Mr. Mike despises hearing laughter during his lecture.
13. The worst part of the movie was knowing the monster was still in the house.
14. The administrators discussed hosting a talent show at school.
15. My dream job is designing video game characters.
16. The politician avoided answering sensitive questions.

