Gerunds

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Definition

Gerunds are the **verbs** that act as **nouns**. They're very easy to spot, since every gerund is a verb with ing tacked to its tail, with no exceptions.

Gerunds are defined as the " ing "form of a verb.

Let's take a look at some examples which will clarify these unique members of the English language. Remember, in every instance below, the gerund is working as a noun.

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Identifying Gerunds in a Sentence:

1. **Gerunds as subjects:**
   - *Reading* is relaxing.
   - *Writing* is an exchange of ideas.

2. **Gerund phrases as subjects:**
   - *Swimming laps* is the most relaxing activity in the world.
   - *Filing papers* can give you a paper cut.

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