

Gerunds

ING

miss resist
enjoy dislike recall risk involve
avoid despise appreciate anticipate keep
understand postpone
recommend imagine help
tolerate practise
suggest Admit forgive
discuss report
resent mention complete consider deny
resume delay mind

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.

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.