

Chapter- 6

Gerunds

STUDY NOTES

At a glance

Gerunds

Dancing is my favourite activity.

Stealing is a bad habit.

In the first sentence, dancing does not act as a verb but as a noun. It is the subject in the sentence. Here it becomes the verb. Such verbs are known as gerunds.

When a verb ends with –ing and is used as a noun in a sentence, it is called a gerund.

1. Underline the gerunds, if any, in the following sentences.

- Doing homework is always boring.
- The crows are flying in the sky.
- Raj is counting the stars.
- Walking the dog is my dad's morning chore.
- I am tired of waiting at the station.
- I was washing the clothes during the power cut.
- Hunting tigers is illegal.

2. Fill in the blanks with the gerund forms.

- Brushing your teeth daily keeps them healthy.
- Children love playing with water.
- Attending wedding parties is something she hates.
- One of his passions is reading.

- e) Dancing in the rain is a lot of fun.
- f) Touching the artifacts in the museum is prohibited.
- g) Sana loves blowing bubbles in the air.

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate objects for the gerunds.

- a) Learning Bharatnatyam is my childhood dream.
- b) She is good at sketching cartoons.
- c) All students are busy submitting admission form.
- d) Paying taxes on time is absolutely necessary.
- e) Eating junkfood is injurious to health.
- f) The teacher forgot announcing my name for the award.
- g) Eating an apple everyday keeps the doctor away.
- h) Harsh loves building model houses and ships.

4. Rewrite the sentences using the gerunds given in brackets correctly

- b) Homemade food is very healthy.(eating)

Ans – Eating homemade food is very healthy.

- c) Megha likes story books.(reading)

Ans - Megha likes reading story books.

- d) Selfies have become a new sensation.(taking)

Ans – Taking selfies have become a new sensation.

- e) Anushka loves oil lamps during festivities.(lighting)

Ans - Anushka loves lighting oil lamps during festivities.

- f) Hitesh loves coins. He has many rare ones.(collecting)

Ans - Hitesh loves collecting coins. He has many rare ones.

- g) I like traffic rules. They keep us safe on the roads.(following)

Ans - I like following traffic rules. They keep us safe on the roads.

5. Identify the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

b) Ride a roller coaster is scary for me.

Ans - Riding a roller coaster is scary for me.

c) Fly a kite on a windy day is fun.

Ans - Flying a kite on a windy day is fun.

d) Eat fruits without washing them is harmful for health.

Ans – Eating fruits without washing them is harmful for health.

e) Yash was scolded for break the window pane.

Ans - Yash was scolded for breaking the window pane.

f) Climb Mt. Everest is not an easy task.

Ans – Climbing Mt. Everest is not an easy task.

g) Divya enjoys shop with her friends. She loves buy shoes.

Ans - Divya enjoys shop with her friends. She loves buying shoes.

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