

GERUNDS

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- 1) a) The nurse is gently rocking the cradle.
- b) Knitting woollen clothes requires a lot of skill and expertise.
- c) Have you been missing the extra classes?
- d) Raising questions is an important part of learning.
- e) The principal decided on conducting the Sports Day after the examinations.
- f) I regret not submitting the form to participate in the debate competition.
- g) I have been anticipating the release of this book for almost a year now.
- h) She believed in discussing issues with her team before taking any decisions.
- 2) Replace the infinitives with gerunds and rewrite the sentences.

a) He likes to read about Greek mythology.

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b) Sharmila hates to wake up in the morning.

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c) Dhruv continued to practise Bharatanatyam for another year.

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d) Madhav loves to read poetry in his free time.

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e) I would prefer to eat scrambled eggs and toast for breakfast.

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f) Pallavi likes to bake birthday cakes for all her friends.

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g) Our aim is to excel in every task that we

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b) They began to perform ballet when they were really young.

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3) a) Do you like watching horror movies?

b) Arranging costumes for the drama required a lot of effort.

c) We narrowly missed hitting the other car on the highway.

d) Hiding the surprise for long was a herculean task for my sister.

e) Aditi detested writing exams right before holidays.

f) The teacher suggested researching our family heritage as a topic for our project.

g) Using online sources helped students learn more about subjects.

h) Watching A.R. Rahman's live performance was the best part of the evening.

i) The sportsmen refused answering personal questions during the press meet.

4) Find the gerunds and gerund phrases.

a) Michael's least favourite activity is running laps before the practice.

A- Gerund - running
Gerund phrase - running laps

b) Sudhir profusely apologised for interrupting the class.

A- Gerund - interrupting
Gerund phrase - interrupting the class

c) The organisation's target is eradicating illiteracy.

A- Gerund - eradicating
Gerund phrase - eradicating illiteracy

d) Sebatini heard Reeva practising on her guitar.

A- Gerund - practising
Gerund phrase - practising on her guitar

e) Aslam decided on attending all the guest lectures organised by the dept.

A- Gerund-attending

Gerund phrase-attending all the guest lectures

f) Sanya won several accolades in the science exhibition for the working model of heart.

A- Gerund-working

Gerund phrase-working model

g) One of the tasks mentioned in the job description is creating online material for the website.

A- Gerund-creating

Gerund phrase-creating online material

h) As a new student in the school, her major concern was making new friends there.

A- Gerund-making

Gerund phrase-making new friends

i) The proud teacher saw her students performing on stage.

A- Gerund-performing

Gerund phrase-performing on stage.

j) Gia's habit of spending money unnecessarily has changed for the better.

A- Gerund - spending

Gerund phrase - spending money