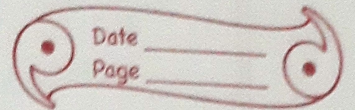


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Exercise



1. Underline the gerunds in the following sentences, if any.
- (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.
He likes reading about Greek mythology.
- (b) Sharmila hates to wake up in the morning.
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(c) Dhruv continued to practise Bharatnatyam 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 undertake.

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(h) They began to perform ballet when they were ~~were~~ really young.

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3. Underline the gerunds or gerund phrases in the following sentences. Write S if the gerund or gerund phrase act as a subject and O if it acts as an object.

- (a) Do you like watching (O) horror movies?
- (b) Arranging (S) costumes for the drama required a lot of effort.
- (c) We narrowly missed hitting (O) the other car on the highway.
- (d) Hiding (S) the surprise for long was a Herculean task for my sister.
- (e) Aditi ~~detested~~ writing (O) exams right before the holidays.
- (f) The teacher suggested researching (O) our family heritage as a topic for our project.
- (g) Using (S) online sources helped students learn more about the subject.
- (h) Watching (S) A.R. Rahman's live performance was the best part of the evening.
- (i) The sportsmen refused answering (O) personal questions during the press meet.

4. Underline the gerunds or gerund phrases in the following sentences. Write CS for gerunds acting as subject complements, and OP for gerunds acting as object of prepositions.

(a) Michael's least favourite activity is running (CS) laps before the practise.

(b) Sudhir profusely apologised for interrupting (OP) the class.

(c) The organisation's target is eradicating (CS) illiteracy.

(d) Aalam decided on attending (OP) all the guest lectures organised by the department.

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

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

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