

GERUNDS

1 Complete the grammar table with the words in the box.

clauses main noun object subject (x2) time verb

Gerunds

Use a gerund as a (1) _____.

Gerunds can be either the (2) _____ or the (3) _____ of a sentence.

Painting is fun.

I like painting.

Present participles

Use a present participle as a (4) _____ to connect two (5) _____ in a sentence.

I can paint using watercolor.

Use a present participle if

- two things happen at the same (6) _____.
- the (7) _____ clause and participle have the same (8) _____.

2 **Decide if the -ing forms in these sentences are gerunds (G) or present participles (P).**

- 1 Francisco de Pájaro likes making art from trash. _____
- 2 Finding some trash on the street, he thinks about what he could make from it. _____
- 3 He puts the pieces of trash together using tape and paints it. _____
- 4 Some of his works take human forms, resembling famous people. _____
- 5 While he works, people often gather around, wondering who he is. _____
- 6 Having his art in the street means more people see it than if it were in a gallery. _____



5 **» Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box and the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.**

a dog a work of art homework in public
the news this movie to school

- 1 (Make) Making this movie was a really fun experience.
- 2 (Have) _____ means I have to be responsible and take care of it.
- 3 (Do) _____ on your own isn't much fun.
- 4 (Create) _____ takes time and patience.
- 5 (Get) _____ is easy because I live very close.
- 6 (Speak) _____ used to scare me when I was younger.
- 7 (Watch) _____ every day keeps me up to date with what's happening.

6 **»» Complete the conversation using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the simple present, simple past, or gerund.**

- Katrina:** What do you think of my sculpture? I (1) _____ (make) it (2) _____ (use) stuff I (3) _____ (find) on the street. I (4) _____ (love) (5) _____ (look) around for things that have been thrown away and (6) _____ (make) them "live" again.
- Felipe:** OK, so what's it supposed to be?
- Katrina:** An old woman (7) _____ (sit) in a doorway (8) _____ (hold) a doll.

