

EXERCISE A Underline the gerund in each of the following sentences.

Example 1. The key to playing guitar is finger dexterity.

1. Becoming a doctor takes years of serious study.
2. Kino's specialty is cooking mushrooms and onions.
3. The subtle squeaking of the door hinges told Mira that her sister was home.
4. Carla decided on writing about famous women in history.
5. Mr. Riley enjoys the crackling of a campfire on a winter's evening.

EXERCISE B Identify gerund phrase in each of the following sentences. Then, choose S for subject, D for object, or OP for object of a preposition. If a sentence does not contain a gerund, write none after the sentence.

Example 1. Laurie loves running early in the morning. (S / **O** / OP)

6. Traveling to new and interesting places is fun. (S / O / OP)
7. The smiling child amused his parents. . (S / O / OP)
8. Give playing golf another chance. . (S / O / OP)
9. The powerful writing made the novel exciting to read. (S / O / OP)
10. Carla was talking in a low whisper to her best friend. (S / O / OP)
11. Cecil's favorite hobby is building scale models of World War II airplanes.
12. The key to fishing is patience. (S / O / OP)
13. Fielding a pop fly on a sunny day can be a tricky play. (S / O / OP)
14. Pam is studying for her French exam. (S / O / OP)
15. Marie's favorite event is swimming. (S / O / OP)