

# 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.

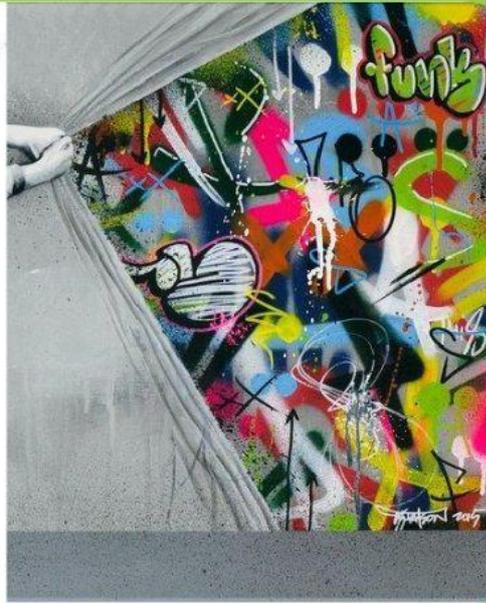
*I can paint using watercolor.*

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.

