

Gerunds

Gerund: a noun ending "ing" that has been formed from a verb

thinking

playing

painting

eating

Using Gerunds

1 As the Subject of a Verb

Running is a good way to explore.

gerund verb

2 As the Object of a Verb

He likes **running**.

verb gerund

Gerund Functions

Identify the gerund in each sentence and write next to the sentence the function the gerund has in it. Write **subject** or **object** accordingly.

Example:

Writing in English is difficult.

Subject

1. I enjoy playing tennis with my husband. _____
2. Do you like climbing? _____
3. Fishing helps me to relax. _____
4. Working for too long on a computer can give you bad headaches. _____
5. Parachuting can be quite dangerous. _____

Gerunds as Objects

Complete each sentence with the gerund of the verb in the box. There are two extra verbs.

Eat	listen	close	run	take
Have	laugh	write	play	

Example:

I love going out to restaurants.

1. He told a funny joke. We couldn't stop _____.
2. Would you mind _____ the windows please?

3. I enjoy _____ long walks in the fall.
4. I am thinking about _____ a dinner party.
5. You should avoid _____ so much meat.
6. We finished _____ our essays before noon.
7. She practiced _____ the piano all day.

Gerunds as Subjects

Rewrite these sentences by using gerunds as subjects.

Example:

It is difficult to play three instruments at the same time.

Playing three instruments at the same time is difficult.

1. It is very wonderful to go to the Canary Islands
_____.
2. It is harmful to smoke.
_____.
3. It is useful to know how to drive a car.
_____.
4. It is impossible to park your car along the streets during office hours.
_____.
5. I must get up early every day. It makes me feel annoyed.
_____.