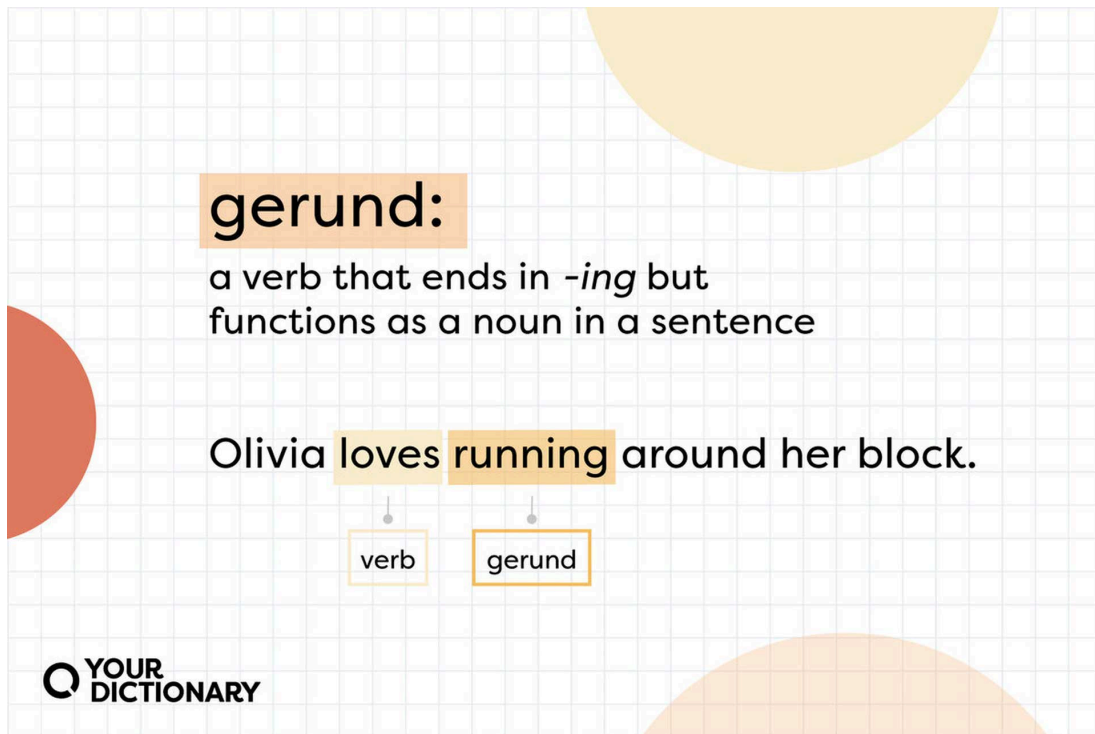



Gerund grammar



gerund:
a verb that ends in *-ing* but functions as a noun in a sentence

Olivia **loves** **running** around her block.

verb gerund



Adapted Reading Passage

A gerund is a special kind of word that acts like a noun. It's made from a verb, but it doesn't describe an action. Instead, it names the action. For example, the word "swimming" is a gerund. It comes from the verb "swim," but it's used like a noun. You can say, "Swimming is fun." In this sentence, "swimming" is the subject of the sentence, just like a noun would be.

Gerunds are often made by adding "-ing" to the end of a verb. For example, "play" becomes "playing," "cry" becomes "crying," and "bark" becomes "barking." Sometimes, you have to change the spelling a little bit. For example, if a verb ends in "e," you drop the "e" and add "-ing." So, "slide" becomes "sliding" and "ride" becomes "riding."

Gerunds can be used in many different ways in a sentence. They can be the subject of a sentence, the object of a verb, or the object of a preposition. For example, you could say, "I enjoy swimming." In this sentence, "swimming" is the object of the verb "enjoy." Or, you could say, "I'm good at playing the piano." In this sentence, "playing the piano" is the object of the preposition "at."

Summary

- A gerund is a word that acts like a noun, but it's made from a verb and names the action.
- Gerunds are often made by adding '-ing' to the end of a verb, but sometimes you have to change the spelling a little bit.
- Gerunds can be used in many different ways in a sentence, like the subject, the object of a verb, or the object of a preposition.

Key Vocabulary Words

gerund (noun)

Definition: A special kind of word that acts like a noun. It's made from a verb, but it names the action instead of describing it.

Example: Running is a great way to exercise.

subject (noun)

Definition: The part of a sentence that tells who or what the sentence is about.

Example: The cat is sleeping on the couch.

object (noun)

Definition: The part of a sentence that receives the action of the verb.

Example: I like to eat pizza.

preposition (noun)

Definition: A word that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence.

Example: The book is on the table.

inflection (noun)

Definition: A change in the form of a word to show a change in its meaning or function.

Example: The word 'walk' can be inflected to become 'walking' or 'walked'.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is a gerund?

- A) A gerund is a word that describes an action.
- B) A gerund is a word that is used to connect sentences.
- C) A gerund is a word that is used to show possession.
- D) A gerund is a special type of word that acts like a noun.

2. How do you usually make a gerund?

- A) You add '-ly' to the end of a verb.
- B) You add '-s' to the end of a verb.
- C) You add '-ed' to the end of a verb.
- D) You add '-ing' to the end of a verb.

3. What is an example of a gerund used as the object of a verb?

- A) I enjoy swimming.
- B) Playing the piano is my favorite hobby.
- C) Swimming is fun.
- D) I'm good at playing the piano.

Short Answer Questions

1. What is an example of a gerund that is spelled differently than the verb it comes from?
2. What is a gerund used as the object of a preposition in the text?
3. What is the difference between a verb and a gerund?

Open-ended Prompts

1. Think about a favorite activity you enjoy doing. How would you describe that activity using a gerund? Write a sentence about your favorite activity using a gerund.
2. Think about a time you learned a new skill. What was the skill? How did you learn it? Write a sentence about learning the new skill using a gerund.
3. Think about a time you were really good at something. What were you good at? Why were you good at it? Write a sentence about being good at something using a gerund.