

Lesson 208

Parts of the Sentence - Verbals

A **verbal** is a verb form used as some other part of speech. There are three kinds of verbals: *gerunds*, *participles*, and *infinitives*.

A *gerund* always ends in *ing* and is used as a **noun**.

Example:

Eating is fun.

A *participle* is used as an **adjective** and ends various ways. A present participle always ends with *ing* as does the gerund, but remember that it is an adjective. A past participle ends with *ed*, *n*, or *irregularly*.

Examples:

played, broken, brought, sung, seeing, having seen, being seen, seen, having been seen

An *infinitive* is *to* plus a verb form. It can be a **noun**, an **adjective**, or an **adverb**.

Examples:

to be, to see, to be seen, to be eaten

Instructions: Find the **verbals** in the following sentences.

1. Is Sam too busy to help us?
2. This car is hard to use and to repair.
3. Where did you go to find that mutt?
4. Oh, I didn't lock the door before leaving home today!

5. Having swum for two hours, I felt rather tired.