

Lesson 209

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. Sometimes I need to work more effectively.
2. Surreptitiously slipping the answers to his friend, the boy looked innocently at the ceiling.
3. Why won't you try to be nicer?
4. I hope we never become too old to learn.

5. Having forgotten her lines, Jena fled from the stage.