

Lesson 210

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. Changing his mind, Fred agreed to play the part.
2. Having been seen at lunch, the man tried to escape.
3. The team winning the final game will win the cup.
4. One way to improve is to work harder.

5. Decayed and crumbling, that old wall is dangerous.