

Lesson 211

Parts of the Sentence - Verbals - Gerunds

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

Example:

Eating is fun.

The *gerund* can be a *subject*, a *direct object*, a *predicate nominative*, an *appositive*, an *indirect object*, or an *object of a preposition*.

Examples:

Eating is fun. (subject)

I like *eating*. (direct object)

A fun time is *eating*. (predicate nominative)

A fun time, *eating*, takes much time. (appositive)

I give *eating* too much time. (indirect object)

I give much time to *eating*. (object of preposition)

Instructions: Find the *gerunds* in the following sentences and tell if they are used as a *subject*, a *direct object*, a *predicate nominative*, an *appositive*, an *indirect object*, or an *object of a preposition*.

1. My father's occupation was farming.
2. My desire, traveling, may happen soon.
3. Writing is sometimes difficult.
4. By saving, we can do our traveling.

5. Some people give gossiping too much time.