

Lesson 237

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 **gerunds**, **gerund phrases**, **participles**, **participial phrases**, **infinitives**, or **infinitive phrases** in these sentences, tell what kind of **verbal** they are, and how they are used.

1. Signs hung too high can't be read.
2. You know my weakness, eating late at night.
3. Your weeping and wailing will not change a thing.
4. To decorate for the dance will cost too much.

5. Do you have a book to read?