

Lesson 238

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. Blaming others is not being honest with oneself.
2. We do not plan to change the rules.
3. Forgetting his promise, Jeff returned home late.
4. My dog is too old to learn new tricks.

5. One way to improve is regular practice.