

Lesson 239

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. The glancing blow did little damage.
2. Go to the dictionary to look for the answer.
3. This computer game is easy to play and to understand.
4. Have you tried writing it down daily?

5. His chief interests are skiing and racing.