

Lesson 240

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. You are difficult to understand.
2. Jack hopes to join the Army next month.
3. The Senate favors increasing taxes.
4. The broken lamp lay on the floor.

5. I saw him trying to open the trunk.