

# Is It a Verbal?

A verbal looks like a verb but functions as a noun, adjective, or adverb in a sentence. Gerunds, participles, and infinitives are all verbals. Use the chart to identify and form verbals.

## Gerund

- Must end in -ing
- Must be used as a noun. Remove the gerund or gerund phrase from the sentence. Is the sentence missing a subject, direct object, indirect object, predicate nominative, or object of a preposition?
- Must NOT be the action the subject is performing in the sentence



## Participle

- Always ends in -ing, -ed, or other irregular ending
- Must be used as an adjective. Remove the participle or participial phrase from the sentence. Do you know less about a noun or pronoun in the sentence?
- Must NOT be the action the subject is performing in the sentence

## Infinitive

- Must consist of "to" followed by a verb form
- Can be used as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs.
- Is it used as a noun? Remove the infinitive or infinitive phrase from the sentence. Is it missing a subject, direct object, indirect object, predicate nominative, or object of a preposition? Replace with pronoun like "it," "this," or "something." Is the sentence grammatically correct?
- Is it used as an adjective? Remove the infinitive or infinitive phrase from the sentence. Do you know less about a noun or pronoun?  
Is it used as an adverb? Remove the infinitive or infinitive phrase from the sentence. Do you know less about a verb, adjective, or adverb in