

Gerund Phrases

A gerund phrase consists of the gerund, which always ends in -ing, and any modifiers and/or complements. A gerund phrase always functions in a sentence as a noun.



- Swinging at every pitch is a bad idea.
(The gerund phrase is the subject of the verb is).
- Barry postponed giving me a decision.
(The gerund phrase is the direct object of postponed).
- Before ordering anything, we studied the menu.
(The gerund phrase is the object of the preposition before.)

DIRECTIONS: Underline the gerund phrases in the sentences below.

1. Making a decision is always a relief.
2. Having a brother is very rewarding.
3. Watching that program has taught me a lot.
4. Writing that proposal was not so hard.
5. Hosting a party is a lot of work.
6. Enjoying a quiet day here and there is all I ask for.