

# GRAMMAR

## STD-VIII

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**CHAPTER NUMBER: 4**  
**PERIOD NUMBER : 2**  
**CHAPTER NAME :GERUNDS**

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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# EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Understand the basics of grammar
- Being acquainted with the chapter and its tenets
- Understanding the idea
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## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

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# INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC

GERUND—

Gerund as subject & object of a verb, object of a preposition & subject complement

Identifying Gerunds in a Sentence

Let's take a look at some examples which will clarify these unique members of the English language. Remember, in every instance below, the gerund is working as a noun.

**Gerunds as subjects:**

- *Reading* is relaxing.
- *Writing* is an exchange of ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhwGtNzdDmc>

- **Gerund phrases as subjects:**

- *Swimming laps* is the most relaxing activity in the world.
- *Filing papers* can give you a paper cut.

- **Gerunds as direct objects:**

- I love *reading*. (verb = love; love what? reading)
- Patrick likes *photographing* nature. (verb = likes; likes what? photographing)

- **Gerund phrases as direct objects:**

- I enjoy *shopping with friends*. (verb = enjoy; enjoy what? shopping with friends)
- My friends anticipated our *trying on new shoes*. (verb = anticipated; anticipated what? trying on new shoes)

- **Gerunds as indirect objects:**

- I never gave *reading* enough of a chance. (verb = gave; gave what? reading)
- Last week, I made *studying* my priority. (verb = made; made what? studying)

- **Gerund phrases as indirect objects:**

- As part of her writing process, she began *recording every detail*. (verb = began; began what? recording every detail)
- Once Tom gave the order, he started *collecting all the evidence*. (verb = started; started what? collecting all the evidence)

- **Gerunds as objects of prepositions:**

- My love for *reading* was immediate. (preposition = for)
- By *reading*, we can explore new worlds. (preposition = by)

- **Gerund phrases as objects of prepositions:**

- Her joy in *preparing for company* was obvious. (preposition = in)
- Since *completing his degree*, his opportunities are endless. (preposition = since)

- **Subject complement**

- Gerunds can also function as subject complements. A subject complement is a noun that follows a linking verb. *Linking verbs* are forms of the verb *to be*, such as *am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, and *were*.

- Here's an example of a gerund used as a subject complement:



- The group's main goal is *eliminating* poverty.

- Here, *eliminating* is a gerund that acts as the complement of the subject *goal*.

- **Examples of gerunds as the subject of a complement**



- What Carlos really loves is *skiing*.

- The hardest part of rehearsing for the musical was *dancing* for hours.

- **Object of the preposition**

- Prepositional phrases are the kinds of things you use all the time without thinking about them. They're groups of words that give additional information in a sentence, such as where something is, where it is going, or when it occurred.

- Each prepositional phrase begins with a preposition. Prepositions are words like *about*, *across*, *after*, *for*, and *in*. A gerund can be paired with a prepositional phrase. Common prepositions used with gerunds include *of*, *about*, *to*, *before*, and *after*.

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- She could talk about *painting* for hours.

- **Examples of gerunds as the object of the preposition**

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- The author's first book about *living* abroad in his youth is now a bestseller.
- My father's interest in *cooking* with organic ingredients was inspired by famous cookbook.

Homework--Solve exercise 3, 4 & 5 in notebook, 1 page handwriting

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