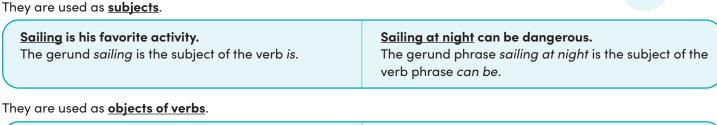
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Gerunds and Gerund Phrases

A **gerund** is a type of **noun** that is made from a verb in its -ing form. Gerunds and gerund phrases (gerunds + their associated modifiers) function like any other noun or noun phrase.



prefers <u>eating at restaurants</u> . gerund phrase <i>eating at restaurants</i> is the object e verb <i>prefers</i> .

They are used as **<u>objects of prepositions</u>**.

He expresses himself well through <u>writing</u> .	This story is about <u>climbing a mountain</u> .
The gerund writing is the object of the preposition	The gerund phrase climbing a mountain is the object
through.	of the preposition <i>about</i> .

*Keep in mind that not all -ing words are gerunds! Gerunds function as nouns. In the sentence below, glistening is a participial adjective, not a gerund.

The sun sets over the glistening water.

S - Subject

Glistening is a participial adjective modifying the noun water.

OP - Object of Proposition

Underline the <u>gerund</u> or <u>gerund phrase</u> in each sentence. Then, write its function in the blank using the following abbreviations.

OV - Object of Verb

		3 – Subject		OF - Object of Freposition		
1	Surfing is one of the most popular adventure sports in coastal communities around the world.					
2	2 Skilled surfers do not mind floating for hours. They must practice patience to catch the perfect wave.					
3	Brave but not foolhardy, champion surfers understand the importance of respecting the sea's power.					
4	4 It takes a strong will to rebound from a devastating natural disaster. Rebuilding is the hardest part.					
5	First responders are passionate about going where they're needed most, and they play an important role in life-saving efforts.					
6	These heroes douse smoldering flames and rescue injured people and animals. To support first responders' courageous efforts, state and local governments must provide funding.					
7	Mel is an up-and-coming sculptor who signs her work by inscribing her distinctly fashioned initials.					
8	•	g intricate dragon fig books and films.	ures is her specialty. Her daring pie	eces are popular among avid fans of		

9 She weaves together intriguing elements of both fantasy and reality in her sculptures. She relishes connecting nature and imagination through her art.

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