

# A Bit of Gerund Phrases

Gerund phrases are phrases that contain a gerund plus modifiers and function as a noun which allows them to occupy different positions in a sentence.

## Gerund Phrases as the Subject

Subjects are the agents of an action.

1. Looking for synonyms has never been so difficult.
2. Running through the woods would be better.
3. Singing your lungs out suits you.



## Gerund Phrases as the Subject Complement

Subject complements give us information about the subject.



1. Andy's favorite hobby is picking flowers.
2. One of my favorite activities is tasting wine.
3. She has been typing away everyday.

## Gerund Phrases as Objects

Objects are usually noun phrases that follow the verb clause.

1. Marilyn and Anna enjoy baking cakes together.
2. Mary has been walking our dog weekly.
3. We hope that you appreciate our offering you this apartment.



## Gerund Phrases as Objects of Prepositions

Gerunds can be part of a prepositional phrase:

preposition + gerund phrase.

1. John read the manual **before** installing the system.
2. You cannot use the bike **without** changing its tires first.
3. I got in trouble **for** watching tv until late.



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