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# Gerunds

*Gerunds* are defined as the -ing form of a verb. They have several functions.

1. Used as subjects and complements

*Skiing* is my favorite sport.

*Hiking* can be very strenuous.

*Seeing* is *believing*

2. Used as objects following prepositions and prepositional expressions

Thanks for *tending* my children.

The job consists of *typing*, *filing*, and *answering* the phone.

3. Used as objects following certain verbs\*.

The children enjoyed *watching* the parade.

Ms. Terrell avoided *paying* her taxes until it was too late.

Gerunds can sometimes take objects of their own:

Roland is afraid of *making mistakes*.

Sandy is considering *leaving New York*.

\*These verbs are commonly followed by gerunds.

admit	advise	anticipate	appreciate	attempt	avoid
begin	can't help	complete	consider	delay	deny
discuss	dislike	enjoy	finish	forget	go
hate	hesitate	imagine	intend	keep	like
love	mention	mind	miss	neglect	postpone
practice	prefer	quit	recall	recollect	recommend
regret	remember	resent	resist	risk	start
stop	suggest	threaten	tolerate	try	understand