

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.

- Having pets is good for our health.
(The gerund phrase is the subject of the verb is).
- John remembered giving me the book.
(The gerund phrase is the direct object of remembered).
- After thinking about it, we made the decision.
(The gerund phrase is the object of the preposition after.)

DIRECTIONS: Underline the gerund phrases in the sentences below.

1. Having a close family makes me happy.
2. Making a mistake is one way to learn.
3. Before trying again, you should think about what you learned.
4. Sending the letter was the right thing to do.
5. Without understanding the situation, Joe acted foolishly.
6. Jack finished taking out the trash.

