

VERBALS

What is a verbal?

Verbals can be tricky.

A verbal is a verb masquerading as another part of speech; it's a verb in disguise.

Gerunds, participles, and infinitives
are 3 different types of verbals;
you use them everyday!

--Gerunds--

A gerund is the form of a verb that ends in “-ing” and functions as a NOUN in a sentence.

In a sentence, a gerund can have 3 different functions:

EX 1: Shopping is excellent recreation.

The noun “shopping” is the subject of this sentence.

EX 2: My friends and I like shopping.

The noun “shopping” is the direct object of the verb.

EX 3: Mom gave me money for shopping.

The noun “shopping” is the object of the preposition “for.”

Participle

Definition: A participle the verb form ending
in -d, -ed, or -ing
that is used as an ADJECTIVE.

(past participle adds -d or -ed to the verb stem)

(present participle adds -ing to the verb stem)

The butterfly **fluttering** near the daisy is a monarch.

*(The adjective **fluttering** modifies “butterfly.”)*

What does “*FORM OF A VERB*” mean?

The different **parts** of a verb, for ex:

- **Verb base** or stem ----jump
- **Present participle** = add -ing ----jumping
- **Past** ----jump
- **Past participle** = add -ed ----jumped

(if a verb ends in “e,” add only -d; ex: skated)

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See also: <http://www.grammar-monster.com/lessons/verbs.htm>

1. What is the difference in the function of the word FISHING in each sentence below?

_____ Is *fishing* fun?

(Turn the question into a statement to help you determine the parts of the sentence: Fishing is fun.)

_____ Go get the *fishing* equipment.

_____ I suggest he get a *fishing* license
before he decides to go *fishing*.

2. Determine web mood for each sentence

3. Write 3 sentences using an -ing or -d/ed word as an ADJECTIVE

INFINITIVE = to + verb

- An infinitive is a verb form introduced by the word “to” that can be used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb.

I plan to read a book on Saturday.

(The infinitive “to read” is a noun used as a direct object, so it is a noun.)

Memory Trick:

An infinitive is as easy to see as a black-eyed pea.

Determine the infinitive.

_____ We would like to fish on Saturday if
the boat is repaired.

_____ Is it time to go to lunch?

_____ When we go to a Mexican
restaurant, I always want to get
cheese dip.

_____ When we get to work quickly, we
learn more!

Infinitive practice

- **On your own, try writing 3 sentences that include infinitives.**
- **An infinitive consists of “to” + a verb base.**

Example: I would like **to see** a movie this Friday.