

## Gerund or Present Participle Worksheet

### Instructions:

Decide whether the word(s) in bold is a gerund or present participle.

1. **Swimming** in the ocean is my favourite summer activity.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
2. He enjoys **reading** books and **watching** movies.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
3. The chef is **cooking** a delicious meal while singing a catchy tune.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
4. I appreciate your **helping** hand during the project.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
5. The kids were **laughing** and **running** around in the playground.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
6. He has been **working** hard all day.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
7. His constant **talking** during class makes it difficult to concentrate.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle
8. I found the movie **boring**, so I read a book instead.
  - ☐ Gerund
  - ☐ Present Participle

9. My new **running** shoes are really hurting my feet.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

10. Quickly **combing** her long blond hair, Louise was now ready for the party.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

11. Climbing that mountain was a **challenging** and **rewarding** experience.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

12. He finished the project by **focusing** hard on what he had to do.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

13. My favourite pastime, **walking** around the nearby lake, will always keep me fit and happy.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

14. **Watching** the sun set in the distance, John felt at peace with the world.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

15. His passion in life is **traveling** around the world.

- ☐ Gerund
- ☐ Present Participle

## Answers

1) Gerund

This is an example of a gerund as subject.

2) Gerund

This is an example of a gerund as subject.

3) Present Participle

Here the present participle is being used to create the present continuous tense.

4) Gerund

This is an example of a possessive gerund. 'Your' is a possessive modifier of the gerund 'helping'.

5) Present Participle

Here the present participle is being used to create the past continuous tense.

6) Present Participle

The present participle is being used to create the present perfect continuous tense.

7) Gerund

This is an example of a gerund as subject. This is a gerund phrase: 'talking during class'.

8) Present Participle

This is a present participle acting as an adjective.

9) Gerund

It could be easy to mistake this as a present participle acting as an adjective as 'running' could be describing the shoes. But it's saying they are 'shoes for running'. If we say 'crying baby', this is an adjective as the baby is in the act of crying. But shoes are not in the act of 'running'.

10) Present Participle

This is a present participle phrase acting as an adjective. The phrase 'Quickly combing her long blond hair' is describing Louise.

11) Present Participle

These are present participles acting as adjectives describing the experience.

12) Gerund

This is a gerund as object of a preposition.


13) Gerund

This is an appositive gerund. An appositive renames a noun in the same sentence or gives more information about a noun (in this case the noun 'pastime').

14) Present Participle

This is a present participle phrase acting as an adjective. The phrase 'Watching the sun set in the distance' is describing John.

15) Gerund

This isn't the present continuous as it's not an activity in progress now. It's gerund as subject complement. In this case, the gerund 'traveling' is the complement to the subject 'His passion in life...'.  
  
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