

What are Verbals?

Verbals are words that are formed from verbs but do not act as verbs in the sentence. There are three types of Verbals.

Summary

In summary, verbals are non-finite verb forms that function as different parts of speech in the sentence. Gerunds function as nouns, infinitives function as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs, and participles function as adjectives.

More Examples

Gerunds	Infinitives	Participles
1.Singing is great exercise for your lungs.	1.To Learn a new skills, your must practice regularly.	1.The smiling child waved at everyone.
2.Jogging can help reduce stress and anxiety.	2.He wanted to travel to france to study art.	2.She wore her favorite dress to the party.
3.Running a marathon is a huge accomplishment.	3.She needs to buy groceries to make dinner tonight.	3.The broken Vase was beyond repair.
		4.The flowering trees looked beautiful in the park.

More Examples (cont)

5.The disappointed fans left the stadium early.

Some Verbs

Followed by only Infinitives

Agree, Want, Choose, Decide, Forget(to do something), Remember(to do something)

Followed by Objects and Infinitives

Allow, Ask, Invite, Send, Teach, Warn

Followed by only Gerunds

Avoid, Consider, Enjoy, Finish, Quit, Miss

Followed by a Preposition and Gerunds

Believe in, Feel like, Plan on, Talk about, Think about, Worry about

Followed by Either a Infinitive or Gerund-(Without a Change in the Meaning)

Begin, Continue, Hate, Like, Love, Start

Followed by Either an Infinitive or Gerund-(With a Change in the Meaning)

Forget, Remember, Stop, Try

Types of Verbals

Gerunds

Infinitives

Participles

Infinitives

Infinitives are verbals that function as nouns, adjectives, or Adverbs in the sentence. always beginning with "to".

Examples

- 1)I want to go to the beach.
- 2)The best way to learn a new language is to practice every day.
- 3)He gave me a book to read.

Verbs Followed Only by Infinitive

These verbs can only be followed by an infinitive form of a verb, without any other words in between. Examples include:

- Agree: The manager agreed to raise our salaries.

- Choose: I can't choose what to wear to the party.

- Refuse: The child refused to eat his vegetables.

Verbs Followed Only by Gerunds

These verbs can only be followed by a gerund form of a verb, without any other words in between. Examples include:

- Enjoy: I enjoy swimming in the ocean.

- Practice: He practices speaking Spanish every day.

- Quit: She quit smoking two years ago.

Verbs Followed by Infinitive/Gerund (1)

Verbs Followed by Either Infinitive or Gerund without Changing the Meaning of the Sentence:

These verbs can be followed by either an infinitive or a gerund form of a verb, and the meaning of the sentence remains the same. Examples include:

- Begin: I began to read the novel. OR I began reading the novel.

- Like: She likes to dance. OR She likes dancing.

- Start: We started to cook dinner. OR We started cooking dinner.



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Gerunds

Gerunds are verbals that function as nouns in the sentence, Always ending in -ing.

Examples

- 1)Swimming is my favorite activity.
- 2)I enjoy hiking on weekends.
- 3)Painting is a great way to express yourself

Participles

Participles are verbals that function as adjectives in the sentence, Usually ending in -ed or -ing.

Examples

- 1)The excited children ran to the playground.
- 2)the damaged car was towed away.
- 3)The fallen leaves covered the ground.

Verbs Followed by Objects and Infinitive

These verbs are used with a direct object before the infinitive. Examples include:

- Advise: I advised my friend to study harder for the exam.
- Permit: The teacher permitted the student to leave early.
- Tell: She told me to be quiet during the movie.

Verbs Followed by Preposition and Gerund

These verbs are used with a preposition before the gerund. Examples include:

- Apologize for: He apologized for being late.
- Believe in: I believe in helping others.
- Insist on: The boss insisted on finishing the project today.

Verbs Followed by Infinitive/Gerund (2)

Verbs Followed by Either Infinitive or Gerund with a Change in the Meaning of the Sentence:

These verbs can be followed by either an infinitive or a gerund form of a verb, but the meaning of the sentence changes.

Examples include:

- Forget: I forgot to buy milk. (I didn't buy milk because I forgot.) OR I forgot buying milk. (I bought milk, but I forgot doing it.)
- Remember: He remembered to turn off the lights. (He turned off the lights because he remembered.) OR He remembered turning off the lights. (He recalls that he turned off the lights.)