



VERBALS



QUICK REVIEW:

- Verb: shows the action in the sentence
- Noun: person, place, thing, idea
 - Cheat: Can put the word “the” in front of it.
- Preposition: show relationship:
 - you need to know that the word TO is a preposition and TO plus a NOUN is a prepositional phrase.
- Adjective: describes a noun
 - Cheat: Can fit in the blank:
 - The _____ truck
 - The _____ dog
 - The _____ fruit



VERBALS

- Words that look like verbs, but function as a different part of speech.
- Will be disguised as a noun, adjective, or adverb



INFINITIVE

- “to” plus a verb
- Ex: I want to go home.

- Infinitives can function in three ways:

- As Nouns

Ex: To win is my goal tonight.

- As Adjectives

Ex: The player to watch is Rachel.

- As Adverbs

Ex: When I play ball, I play to win.



GERUND

- Looks like a verb but acts like a noun.
- Can function just like a noun
- Almost always ends in -ing
- Rarely needs punctuation

- See examples on next page.



GERUND EXAMPLES

- As a subject: Traveling might satisfy your desire for new experiences.
- As a direct object: They do not appreciate my singing.
- As a subject complement: My cat's favorite activity is sleeping.
- As object of the preposition: The police arrested him for speeding.



PARTICIPLE

- Looks like a verb, acts like an adjective.
- Answers the questions, “Which one?” “What kind?” or “How many?”
- Can end in any past tense verb form –ing, -ed, -t, -n, -d,
- Must be placed as close to the noun it describes as possible.
- Needs a comma after if it’s at the beginning
- Needs a comma around it if it’s interrupting the sentence and is not essential.
- See examples:



PARTICIPLE EXAMPLES

Children *introduced to music early* develop strong intellectual skills.

Having been a gymnast, Lynn knew the importance of exercise.

The *melted* plastic made the hallway stink.



MOONWALKING

○ **As a verb:**

- The boy moonwalked on stage.

○ **As a gerund:**

- Moonwalking makes me wish I could dance.

○ **As a participle:**

- The moonwalking boy won the talent show.

○ **As an infinitive:**

- I want to know how to moonwalk.



PRACTICE

○ **Infinitives**

- 1. Ed chose to cooperate.
- 2. James is the person to help.
- 3. She only came to watch.
- 4. To perform had always been his dream.



PRACTICE

○ Gerunds

- 5. Playing is a child's way of life.
- 6. At the contest the spectators cheered the band's marching.
- 7. A good mental exercise is writing.
- 8. My brother is always tired of studying.



PRACTICE

○ **Participles**

- 9. The stolen jewelry could not be found.
- 10. A scrubbing brush was used for the filthy floor.
- 11. The cooked apples tasted delicious.
- 12. The little girl was charmed by the talking doll.



PRACTICE

- 1. The man to call is Sam J. Jones. _____
- 2. Entire villages failed to survive. _____
- 3. The cows were kept in a holding pen. _____
- 4. Building is a carpenter's occupation. _____
- 5. They were called the losing team. _____



PRACTICE

- 6. To farm was his life's goal. _____
- 7. Building blocks are good toys for toddlers.

- 8. The determined boy finished the race. _____
- 9. By squinting, I could see the sign. _____



PRACTICE

- 10. We wanted to travel. _____
- 11. Harvested grain was stored in the warehouse.

- 12. We were told to listen. _____
- 13. The sleeping baby spent his day in a cradle.

- 14. The librarian promoted reading. _____



PRACTICE

- 15. The men will enjoy golfing. _____
- 16. We heard the wind blowing. _____
- 17. To leave would be a mistake. _____
- 18. The excited scientist had discovered a cure.



PRACTICE

- 19. My uncle always liked to whistle. _____
- 20. My uncle destroyed his health by smoking.

- 21. The frightened mother snatched her child and ran. _____



PRACTICE

- 22. After our vacation, we needed to rest. _____
- 23. The x-ray showed a broken bone. _____
- 24. My laundry needs washing. _____

