

Verbals Quiz Key

A verbal is a form of a verb that is used as some other part of speech. Gerunds are always nouns. Underline the gerunds in the following sentences.

1. I enjoy picking blackberries for a pie.
2. I have found that I save time by shopping at night.
3. Bicycling across the state of Washington was fun.
4. Recent findings have raised serious doubts about his research.
5. He received a warning from the principal.
6. During the summer Cherie taught creative acting.
7. The awarding of a degree is a great responsibility of the administration.

Participles modify nouns or pronouns. Participles may look like gerunds but they function as adjectives in a sentence. Underline the participles in the following sentences.

1. Trying to write a poem is a humbling experience.
2. His amazing persistence in the case was a credit to the department.
3. The budget submitted to the Congress was viewed by many as excessive.
4. The scheduled pep rally had to be postponed because of rain.
5. Having witnessed the accident, she had to appear in court to testify.

Underline the infinitives in the following sentences. An infinitive is to + a verb. It may be used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb.

1. We all went to Nashville to hear the Grand Ole Opry.
2. The student failed to validate his class cards.
3. I wanted to go to the football game.
4. Leon lacked the courage to fight for his convictions.

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5. The final important fact **to be** considered here will be presented by Henry.
6. After blinding the Cyclops, Odysseus decided **to reveal** his own name.
7. **To handle** such questions, I have scheduled individual conference.