

## BrightFish Vocabulary Activity

### Verbals: Function and Usage

Verbals are formed from verbs but they are never used alone in a sentence as an action word. Instead, they function as nouns, adjectives or adverbs. The three types of verbals are gerunds, infinitives and participles.

**Gerunds** function as nouns and end in “-ing”. For example: Reading is relaxing and fun.

**Infinitives** can function as nouns, adverbs or adjectives and consist of the word “to” coupled with a verb. For example: Janie is the singer to watch in this competition. (“To watch” functions as an adjective.) I brought new pants to wear on Friday. (“To wear” functions as an adverb.)

**Participles** function as adjectives. There are two types: present (usually ending in “-ing”) and past: (ending in “ed” or “en”). For example: The smiling teacher greeted the students.

Activity #1: Determine whether the underlined verbal in each sentence below is a gerund, infinitive or participle.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The abandoned house is spooky.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Kayaking is my favorite summer pastime.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. It will be difficult to find a space on the beach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Baking is a nice way to spend an afternoon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Emilio stacked the folded laundry on the chair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. She hoped to win the lottery and pay off her debts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Exercising is good for your health.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The window was broken by accident.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Early morning is the best time to cut the grass.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Vanessa brought a game to play.

**Activity #2:** Determine whether the underlined verbal in each sentence below functions as a noun, adjective or adverb.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Arguing will not solve the problem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jian is skating on the frozen lake.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Melissa called to invite Omar to her birthday party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I'm wearing sunglasses to protect my eyes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Everyone in her family enjoys skiing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The driven runner completed the marathon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Cooking is Jayden's passion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. My dream vacation is to travel in Spain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The winding road was difficult to navigate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Santiago often carries a camera to snap photos.

**Activity #3:** Write a sentence using each verbal listed below.

1. melted (as an adjective)

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2. running (as a noun)

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3. to remind (as an adverb)

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4. to play (as a noun)

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5. closed (as an adjective)

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