

Part One

Directions: Write the underlined gerund in each sentence. Then label it *subject*, *direct object*, *obj. of prep.*, or *pred. noun* to show how it is used in the sentence.

Example: Some students, like scholars, enjoy studying. Studying—*direct object*

- 1. Have you ever attempted parachuting? _____
- 2. Sleeping is important for all humans. _____
- 3. You might enjoy dancing in a class environment. _____
- 4. I prefer athletic hobbies like skiing. _____
- 5. An option for you is working in a factory. _____

Part Two

Directions: Write the gerunds in each sentence. Label them *subject*, *direct object*, *obj. of prep.*, or *pred. noun* to show how it is used in the sentence.

Example: Acting is one kind of performing. Acting—*subject* performing—*obj. of prep.*

- 1. Many students enjoy acting. _____
- 2. Two popular activities are singing and dancing. _____
- 3. Cleaning can be a worthwhile activity. _____
- 4. Some who need a hobby might do well in training. _____
- 5. Juggling and swimming can take a lot of time. _____
- 6. Seeking a hobby, you might look at sculpting. _____

Part Three

Directions: Write your own sentences using the following gerunds as the part of the sentence indicated in parentheses.

Example: Farming (*predicate noun*) My future occupation is farming in Ohio.

- 1. Traveling (*direct object*)
- 2. Working (*obj. of prep.*)
- 3. Painting (*subject*)
- 4. Thinking (*predicate noun*)
- 5. Using (*obj. of prep.*)

Instructions: Identify whether the gerund in the following sentences is the: subject, direct object, object of preposition, or predicate noun ***Note:** Underline the gerund before attempting to answer the question.

1. Helen enjoys sketching children.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

2. Swimming is good exercise.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

3. Of all my interests, I care most about gardening.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

4. Traveling gives one a chance to see many wonderful sights.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

5. Kerry Washington is stunning and talented.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

6. Few things are better for relaxing than soft music.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

7. Johnny broke up with his girlfriend because her shopping was out of hand.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

8. Many people find that they can beat stress by walking.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun

9. Skating is both a good hobby and exercise.
 - a. subject
 - b. direct object
 - c. object of preposition
 - d. Predicate Noun