
Verbals

- Verbals are words that are made from _____, but are used as OTHER parts of speech such as _____, _____, and _____.
 - BASICALLY...they _____ like a verb, but _____ like something else!
 - They are OFTEN used in _____.

- **GERUND:** Looks like _____ Acts like _____

- **Examples** (Underline the gerund and write whether it is used as a single gerund or a gerund phrase):

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- _____

- **PARTICIPLE:** Looks like _____ Acts like _____

- **Examples** (Underline the participle and write whether it is used as a single participle or a participial phrase):

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- **INFINITIVE:** Looks like _____ Acts like _____

- **Examples** (Underline the infinitive and write whether it is used as a single infinitive or an infinitive phrase):

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• PRACTICE 1

- 1.
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• PRACTICE 2

Grammar Practice

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For each sentence below, identify the underlined verb form as a “gerund,” a “participle,” or an “infinitive.”

Example: In the late 1800s, Ohio artist Richard Felton Outcault began to create comics for newspapers.
infinitive

(1) Richard Outcault’s comic strips became popular in America when the New York Journal decided to print his comic strip, the “Yellow Kid.” (2) The “Yellow Kid” got his name because his distinguishing nightshirt was always printed in the color yellow. (3) Printing in color was new to newspapers in those days. (4) Soon there were more of Outcault’s cartoons appearing in newspapers. (5) Comic strips read by people of all ages became an important part of the Sunday paper. (6) Reading them was fun! (7) Outcault went on to create several more popular strips, including one called “Buster Brown.” (8) Then, after a while, he grew weary of creating comics, and the tired artist moved on to other things. (9) Advertising became his new profession. (10) Richard Outcault’s ability to develop characters for the Sunday funnies earned him the title the Father of the Comic Strip.



For each sentence below, write the infinitive phrase and label how it is used—as a “noun,” an “adjective,” or an “adverb.”

Example: To enjoy the funnies is a Sunday ritual.
To enjoy the funnies (noun)

1. It’s a good way to begin a Sunday morning!
2. I want to read the comics before anything else.
3. I’m happy to read them to my little sister.