

Verbals: Gerunds, Participles, and Infinitives

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Quick Review

Focus on explaining the function of verbals. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

- Which choice BEST demonstrates explaining the function of verbals?
 - Lila runs before sunrise.
 - Running before sunrise became Lila's favorite routine.
 - Before sunrise, Lila was fast.
 - The sunrise was orange and bright.
- Which revision best applies explaining the function of verbals? Original: To finish the mural, the class stayed after school.
 - Finishing the mural required the class to stay after school.
 - To finish the mural, the class stayed after school.
 - Lila runs before sunrise.
 - Before sunrise, Lila was fast.
- A student is working on this task: A sentence begins with Swimming across the lake. Which choice would be MOST effective?
 - Lila runs before sunrise.
 - Before sunrise, Lila was fast.
 - Identify Swimming as a gerund functioning as the subject.
 - The sunrise was orange and bright.
- Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?
 - It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.
 - It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.
 - It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.
 - It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by explaining the function of verbals.



5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?
 - A. Add an unrelated personal story.
 - B. Decide whether the verbal acts as a noun, adjective, or adverb.
 - C. Replace precise words with vague ones.
 - D. Remove the clearest evidence.
6. Which mistake should the student avoid?
 - A. Labeling every -ing word as a verb.
 - B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.
 - C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.
 - D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.
7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?
 - A. It works because it applies explaining the function of verbals to the exact task.
 - B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
 - C. It is better because it sounds good.
 - D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.
8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?
 - A. Choose the first familiar word.
 - B. Ignore the audience and purpose.
 - C. Pick the longest answer every time.
 - D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.
9. Write one sentence using an infinitive as an adverb.

10. Explain the difference between a gerund and a participle.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9
- 10

Explanations

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| 1. B | The correct choice demonstrates explaining the function of verbals clearly and precisely. |
| 2. A | The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning. |
| 3. C | The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make. |
| 4. D | Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do. |
| 5. B | The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill. |
| 6. A | The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill. |
| 7. C | A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer. |
| 8. D | Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices. |
| 9. | Answer: Strong answers should explicitly use explaining the function of verbals, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning. |
| 10. | Answer: Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving explaining the function of verbals. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning. |



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