

Gerunds & Noun Phrases

Let's revise the basics:

- All sentences have **verbs**.
- **Subjects** do actions.
- **Objects** receive actions.

Exercise

What is the subject in each of these sentences? Is there an object too?

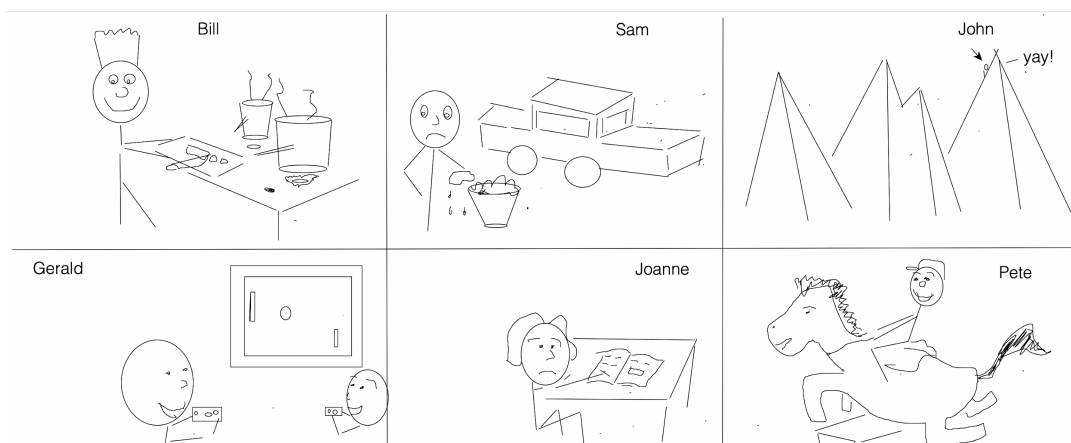
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2. The students laughed.
3. John hates dancing.
4. The weather changed dramatically.
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6. My sister cooked dinner.
7. Dinner tasted amazing.
8. Sarah eats quickly.
9. Robert loves eating slowly.
10. The food poisoned everybody!

Gerunds

Gerunds are noun forms of verbs. We add +ing to the verb basic form.

Exercise 2

Create some sentences for the pictures:



Noun Phrases

Noun phrases are groups of words that act as a single noun in a sentence:

Being a nurse is difficult.

I eat **ham sandwiches** every day.

The rubbish under the local bridge smells bad.

Exercise 3

Where are the noun phrases in the following examples?

1. Yesterday I went to the place where we met.
2. I know about your desire to travel to Europe.
3. Next door's cat really annoys me.
4. I am hoping to visit that resort we discussed when you were last here.
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Answers

Exercise 1

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Exercise 2

1. Bill enjoys cooking pasta in his restaurant.
2. Sam hates washing his car.
3. John loves climbing mountains.
4. Gerald loves playing video games.
5. Joanne doesn't like writing OET letters.
6. Pete loves riding horses.

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