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Explanations

Gerund

The gerund is the noun form of the verb, ending in *-ing*. We can use it as a subject or an object.

Subject

Jogging is good fun!

Cycling is good exercise.

Object

Do you like jogging?

Are you interested in cycling?

| Verb | Gerund | Verb | Gerund |
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| <i>read</i> | <i>reading</i> | <i>eat</i> | <i>eating</i> |
| <i>run</i> | <i>running</i> | <i>swim</i> | <i>swimming</i> |
| <i>cycle</i> | <i>cycling</i> | <i>write</i> | <i>writing</i> |
| <i>play</i> | <i>playing</i> | <i>pray</i> | <i>praying</i> |
| <i>cry</i> | <i>crying</i> | <i>fly</i> | <i>flying</i> |

Examples

Cycling is not allowed on the pavement.

Speaking is forbidden during the examination.

Do you like camping?

I love studying!

I can't stand getting up early.

Cycling is excellent exercise.