

Verbals

1. Gerunds

A verbal is a word formed from a verb but functioning as a different part of speech.

A **gerund** is a verbal ending in *-ing* that functions as a noun.

Like an ordinary single-word noun, a gerund may be used as a

SUBJECT



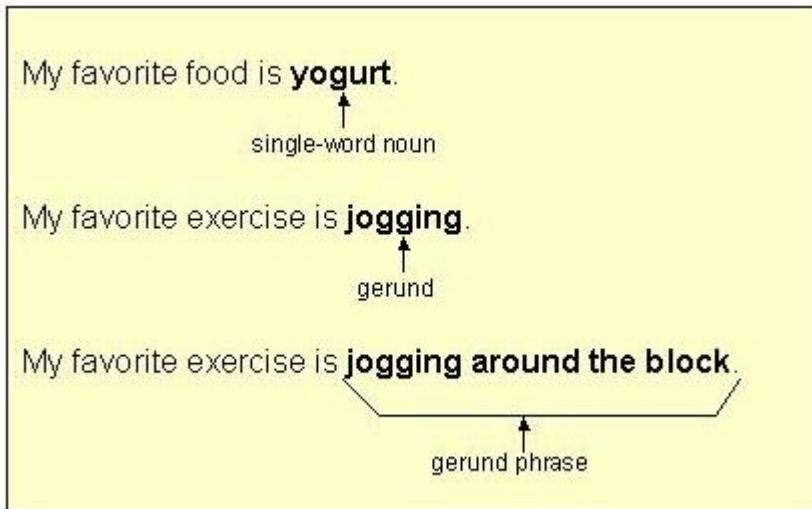
DIRECT OBJECT



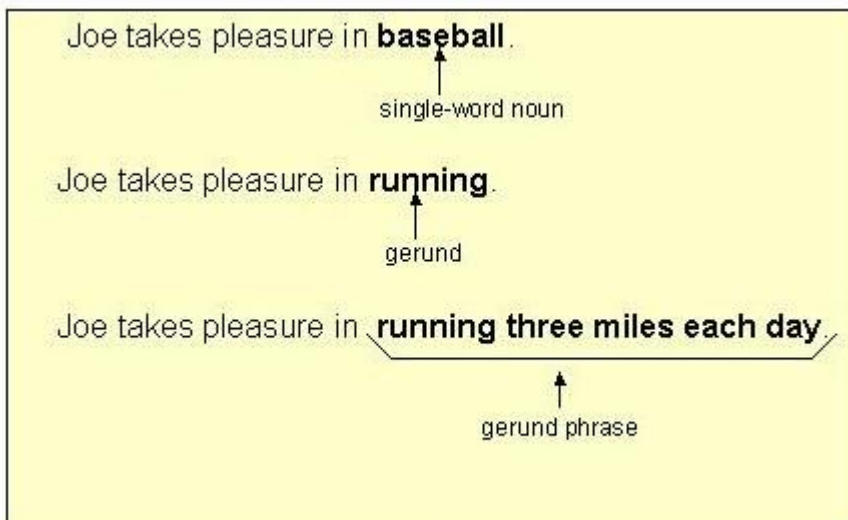
RETAINED OBJECT



SUBJECTIVE COMPLEMENT



OBJECT OF PREPOSITION



APPOSITIVE

My favorite sport, **baseball**, takes a great deal of effort.
↑
single-word noun

My favorite sport, **running**, takes a great deal of effort.
↑
gerund

My favorite sport, **running three miles**, takes a great deal of effort.
↑
gerund phrase

DELAYED APPOSITIVE

In the example below, the gerund phrase renames the subject, *this*.

This was a wonderful idea, **having friends meet us at the airport**.
↑
gerund phrase

