



Understanding Verbals in Sentences

Today's Standard

8.L.1a - Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.

Cues	Notes
What are gerunds?	Gerunds are verbs ending in '-ing' that function as nouns.
What are participles?	Participles are verbs used as adjectives; present participles end in '-ing', past participles often end in '-ed' or '-en'.
What are infinitives?	Infinitives are the base form of a verb, usually preceded by 'to', and can function as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs.
How do verbals function in sentences?	Verbals add variety and complexity to sentences, making writing more engaging.
Examples of verbals in writing	Examples: 'Swimming is fun' (gerund), 'The running water' (participle), 'To read is enjoyable' (infinitive).

Summary

Understanding the function of gerunds, participles, and infinitives helps in creating more complex and varied sentences, enhancing writing skills.