

A gerund is a word that acts as a noun, and ends in "-ing". The gerund form of jump is jumping, while the gerund form of read is reading.

Example: His jumping caused the windows to shake.

A gerund can be used as the subject, object or complement in a sentence. All gerunds end in "-ing", but not all words that end in "-ing" are gerunds.

The gerunds in the following sentences are underlined.

Swimming is Tammy's first love.

Swimming is the subject of the sentence. It tells you what Tammy loves. It is used as a noun.

Tammy gives swimming most of her free-time.

Tammy is the subject of the sentence and swimming is the direct object. It tells you what Tammy gives most of her free-time to. It is used as a noun.

My friends love my singing.

Singing is used as a noun, therefore it's a gerund.

Remember, a gerund is used as a noun, so check if the word is a verb, adjective, adverb or NOUN. If it's being used as a noun - it's a gerund.