

# Gerunds and Participles

**Directions:** In this assessment you will be asked to identify gerunds, gerund phrases, participles, and participial phrases. Read each sentence and direction carefully, then fill in the correct answer circle.

## Sample

**Identify the participial phrase.**

A Not everyone found the algebra problems confusing.

- (A) Not everyone found                      (C) algebra problems confusing  
(B) the algebra problems                    (D) none of these

### 1. Identify the gerund.

Hiking is my favorite form of exercise.

- (A) Hiking  
(B) form  
(C) Hiking is my  
(D) of exercise

### 2. Identify the participle.

The frightened audience gasped when the monster appeared for the first time!

- (E) gasped  
(F) frightened  
(G) appeared  
(H) time

### 3. Identify the gerund phrase.

My teacher is quite skilled at reciting poetry.

- (A) My teacher is  
(B) at reciting poetry  
(C) is quite skilled  
(D) skilled at reciting

### 4. Identify the past participle.

My mom made sure my little brother's teeth were brushed before he went to the dentist.

- (E) went  
(F) made  
(G) brushed  
(H) before

### 5. Identify the participial phrase.

My English book, having been used by many students, was missing pages.

- (A) My English book  
(B) was missing pages  
(C) having been used by many students  
(D) by many students

### 6. Identify the present participle.

The talking parrot was the biggest attraction at the festival.

- (E) talking  
(F) was  
(G) The talking parrot  
(H) none of these

### 7. Identify the gerund phrase.

I think reading a book is the most relaxing thing you can do before bed.

- (A) the most relaxing  
(B) you can do before bed  
(C) I think reading  
(D) reading a book

### 8. Identify the participial phrase.

Damaging evidence and testimony convicted him of the crime.

- (E) convicted him of the crime  
(F) convicted him  
(G) evidence and testimony  
(H) Damaging evidence and testimony

