

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

