

What are Gerunds and Infinitives?

Worksheet

Gerunds are -ing verb forms that function as nouns (e.g., 'Running is healthy'). Infinitives are 'to + verb' forms also used as nouns (e.g., 'To run is healthy').

Questions

1. Which is a gerund?
A) to sleep
B) sleeping
C) sleep
D) sleeps
2. After 'enjoy,' which form?
A) to run
B) run
C) running
D) runs
3. Which uses infinitive?
A) She avoids
B) He wants to
C) They finish
D) We enjoy
4. Both forms work here: 'I prefer ____'
A) go (infinitive only)
B) going (gerund only)
C) both to go and going
D) neither
5. Which is gerund? I love hiking. A) hiking B) love
6. Fill in the blank: She wants ____ (visit/visiting). Which is correct?
7. Transform: I like to read books → Using gerund: ____
8. Define: What is a gerund?
9. Define: What is an infinitive?
10. Define: After 'enjoy,' use gerund or infinitive?

Answer Key

1. B) sleeping — Gerunds end in -ing. 'Sleeping' is the gerund form.
2. C) running — 'Enjoy' takes a gerund. 'I enjoy running.'
3. B) He wants to — 'Want to' requires infinitive: 'He wants to leave.'
4. C) both to go and going — 'Prefer' accepts both: 'I prefer to go' and 'I prefer going' are both correct.
5. Gerund is -ing form. 'Hiking' ends in -ing. 'Love' is base verb. Answer: A (hiking).
6. After 'want,' we use infinitive. 'To visit' is correct. 'Visiting' is gerund, not used here. Answer: to visit.
7. Change infinitive to gerund. To read (infinitive) → reading (gerund). Answer: I like reading books.
8. An -ing form of a verb that functions as a noun. Example: Running is fun.
9. The base form of a verb with 'to' in front. Example: to run, to eat, to sleep.
10. Gerund. 'I enjoy swimming' (not 'to swim').

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