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GERUND

EXERCISE A: Underline the gerund in each of the following sentences.

1. My goals right now are exercising and losing weight.
2. The crackling of the campfire made Yona feel cozy.
3. Dancing is a fun way to exercise.
4. Everyone would benefit from relaxing after a long day.
5. My father enjoys helping and serving others.
6. She decided on writing a poem.
7. Cooking is something Michaela struggles with.
8. Discovering math equations exhilarates the mathematician.
9. The crossing guard enjoys her job, directing traffic and helping school children.
10. Paloma has shown talent in skating.

EXERCISE B: Underline the gerund in the following sentences and tell if they are used as subject, direct object, predicate nominative, appositive, indirect object, or object of the preposition.

1. There was only one thing I wanted, leaving for home.
2. Writing a story takes practice and skill.
3. With all his snoring, his wife was up all night.
4. Choosing a movie to watch was a tough call.
5. She teaches dancing to pre-schoolers.

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Answer Keys:

EXERCISE A:

1. exercising, losing
2. crackling
3. Dancing
4. relaxing
5. helping, serving
6. writing
7. Cooking
8. discovering
9. Discovering, helping
10. skating

EXERCISE B:

| | GERUND | Function |
|----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | <u>leaving</u> | Appositive |
| 2. | <u>writing</u> | Subject |
| 3. | <u>snoring</u> | Object of preposition |
| 4. | <u>Choosing</u> | Subject |
| 5. | <u>dancing</u> | Direct object |