

8: VERBALS

Verbals are **forms of Verbs** that can appear as different **Parts of the Sentence**. The summary below is not exhaustive but will give an idea of the variety in which they can occur.

GERUND: A verb form ending in 'ing' can have the value of a Noun.

As a Subject: ► **Swimming** is fun.

As a Direct Object: ► She likes **swimming**.

As an Object of a Preposition: ► She always talks about **swimming**.

As a Subjective Completion: ► Her favorite sport is **swimming**.

As an Adjective: ► Did you see the new **swimming** pool?

INFINITIVE: The form of the verb introduced by 'to' can have the value of a Noun.

As a Subject: ► **To swim** is fun for her.

As a Direct Object: ► She likes **to swim**.

As an Object of a Preposition: ► She is going off **to swim**.

As a Subjective Completion: ► Her favorite sport is **to swim**.

PARTICIPLE: A verb form with the value of an Adjective.

When the verb ends in 'ing' it is a **PRESENT participle**. ► The **swimming** coach helped her win the **swimming** trophy.

When the verb ends in 'ed' or equivalent, it is a **PAST participle**. ► The **coached** swimmer was a **thrilled** winner.