GERUNDS, INFINITIVES, PARTICIPLES

What is a Gerund?

A **gerund** is a **verb** that is used as a **noun**. A **gerund** is formed by adding *-ing* to the **present** form of a **verb**.

Examples: The **gerunds** in the following sentences are in **bold print**.
- o **Studying** is mandatory before an important test.
- o My father enjoys **cooking** for our family.

What is an Infinitive?

An **infinitive** is a **verb** that is used as a **noun**, **adjective**, or **adverb**. The word *to* is known as the **sign of the infinitive**.

Examples: The **infinitives** in the following sentences are in **bold print**.
- o **To travel** is a dream of Nana's.
- o After the game, we decided **to celebrate**.

What is a Participle?

A **participle** is a [...] s of participles are **present partic** [...]

Examples: The [...] **l print**.
- o **Singing**, [...]
- o **Frightene** [...] nt.

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Try This!

1] Pick out the **gerund** in this sentence.

The popularity of skateboarding has increased among my friends.
a] popularity
b] skateboarding
c] increased
d] friends

2] Can you choose the **infinitive** in this sentence?

Now that he has his license, my brother wants to drive everywhere.
a] he
b] license
c] my brother
d] to drive