

## Gerund Practice

Each sentence below actually contains a *participle phrase* because it describes the main subject of the sentence. Your challenge is to re-write each sentence so the participle phrase becomes a gerund phrase instead! It's OK to change some words around and add or delete words as needed. Then, re-write that sentence one more time using "This" or "That" or "It" to replace your gerund phrase. The first one is an example done for you.

- 1) Squeezing his eyes shut, Cory tore his arm away from the zombies and ran!

Squeezing his eyes shut was the only way Cory could tear his arm away from the zombies!

This was the only way Cory could tear his arm away from the zombies!

- 2) Cory and Micah, ignoring the hungry zombies, stumbled down the alley and got out of there!

Ignoring the hungry zombies is how Cory and Micah were able to stumble down the ally out of there! (Now re-write it with a gerund phrase) -

- 3) Turning the corner, they nearly plowed right into another crowd of angry, hungry zombies!

4) One zombie, making awful gurgling noises, reached out with his tattered, bloody arms.

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5) Another zombie jumped off the roof of a beat-up van, falling right in front of the boys.

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6) Turning to run the other way, Cory and Micah searched for another way out of the alley.

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7) Strange moaning sounds of nearby zombies, trampling over each other, filled the air.

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8) Now make up your own sentence with a participle phrase and let a partner change it to a gerund phrase!

Write your sentence here and circle your participle phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your partner will re-write it with a gerund phrase here: \_\_\_\_\_

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