

A. Are the phrases in bold gerund phrases or not?

1. The most important parameter **controlling the maximum earthquake magnitude on a fault** is however not the maximum available length but the available width **according to its variety by a factor of 20**.
2. An earthquake is **the shaking of the surface of the Earth, resulting from the sudden release of energy in the Earth's lithosphere** .
3. Any seismic event **being described, whether natural or caused by humans** is caused mostly by rupture of geological faults.
4. Tectonic earthquakes occur anywhere in the earth where there is sufficient stored elastic strain energy **driving fracture propagation along a fault plane**.
5. **The earthquake's tectonic occurring anywhere in those areas** constituted a body of large interest among researchers **investigating the movements of the surface of the earth**.
6. In **developing earthquake warning systems**, scientists' intention was **providing regional notification of an earthquake in progress** before the ground surface has begun to move.

B. Put the gerund phrases in brackets then indicate their grammatical functions.

1. The practice of contributing generously to worthy causes proves ennobling.
2. Martha gave practicing the piano a noble try, but she soon turned her attention to writing amazing stories to children.
3. The annoyance of Mary's existence is having to go to bed at 9:30 p.m. on school nights.
4. After arriving at sentence number eighty-five, he discovered his misunderstanding of the questions.
5. The idea is spending an entire month at the beach.
6. Mr. Worthington's hobby, collecting rocks and minerals and classifying them, proved rewarding in the end.
7. His work being published at such an early age attracted a considerable number of readers.
8. Savoring the delicious aromas and seeing the buffet tables piled high with food was really more than the hungry men could stand.
9. The proposition, working in a granite quarry, added to his overall knowledge of materials used in building houses in inaccessible areas.
10. You won't keep asking me the same question, will you?

C. Combine the sentences in one sentence using the suggested gerund phrases type.

1. Students develop inference and deduction skills. They should make links between facts and evidence. (**gerund phrase object of preposition**)

2. This calls for the interpretation of evidence and facts. This requires framing a proposition or forming a hypothesis.
(**gerund phrase subject**)
3. Researchers' suggestion is logical. Critical thinking, in the academic context, is most commonly associated with arguments. (**gerund phrase appositive**)
4. In the field of education, practitioners give much attention. This attention relates to develop learners' critical thinking.
(**gerund phrase indirect object**)
5. There is considerable evidence. It suggests that the ability to think critically and analytically is critical during the various stages of the learning process. (**gerund phrase noun phrase complement**)
6. Over one hundred years of research on intelligence testing has shown this. Scores on standardized test of intelligence predict a wide range of outcomes. (**gerund phrase direct object**)

D. Underline noun clauses then reduce them to gerund phrases.

1. I have decided that I will talk about the reasons of stress in my research paper.
2. He showed that he had an excellent talent for painting.
3. That he was intelligent, talented, and hardworking is obvious.
4. That you have not missed one question in the examination proves your capacities.
5. His parents did not appreciate that he has moved to Australia to find a job.
6. That he should be assisted in such a difficult time sounded necessary.
7. He apologized that he could not be able to come in time.
8. The students in the current events class enjoy the fact that they were allowed to read the works that they have produced in the study hall.
9. They consider that the decision of Mark to retire is a loss to the company.
10. Doctors fully recognized that she had serious health issues.
11. Whether you win this race or lose it doesn't matter as long as you do your best.