**Exercise 1:** Underline the participial or gerund phrase in each sentence. Indicate your choice by printing either a "P" or a "G" in the blank.  
1. Attending the plowing match has become a fall tradition for party leaders.   
2. At the fair, you can see art produced by local students.   
3. The residence, constructed entirely out of marble, impressed the couple.

4. She loves hunting in the wilderness.   
5. Wearing those shoes gives her sore feet.   
6. Struck by a hockey stick in the mouth, the player required the services of a dentist.

Formal English requires the use of the possessive case for a noun or pronoun that modifies a gerund or gerund phrase.  
Examples: We were all surprised by John's making the team.  
We did not anticipate his committing the summer to training.

**Exercise 2:** Each sentence contains an underlined verbal phrase. In the box below each sentence, identify the verbal as a **present participle** or **gerund**. If the verbal is a participle, write the noun that it is modifying. If the verbal is a gerund, write its function (subject, direct object, appositive, object of preposition, subjective complement).

1.  The candidate getting the most votes wins the election.   
2.  After resting for an hour, you will feel much better.

3.  Reading a good novel always gives me pleasure.   
4.  Clearing his throat, Bill began to give his speech.   
5.  They enjoyed taking long walks on the trail.   
6.  We won't eat any of the turkey roasting in your oven.   
7.  His profession, teaching English to immigrants, occupied a great deal of his time. 8.  The magazine's cover, appealing to younger readers, will undoubtedly boost sales this month.

9.  The judges, talking at length among themselves, finally gave the award to the Beagle.

10.  Mary's downfall is eating snacks between meals.

**Exercise 3:**

State whether the underlined –ing forms are participles (P) or gerunds (G) by writing the abbreviations P or G on the allotted line before each sentence. In the case of participles, just circle the noun or pronoun they qualify. In the case of gerunds, state what function they serve in the sentence.

1. …………… John’s favorite outdoor activity is skiing.

Function: ……………..

2. Going on a cruise and climbing Mt. Rushmore were Rachel’s summer vacation plans.

Function: ……………..

3. Dancing with the famous instructor, Dillon felt like a star.

Function: ……………..

4. One of Mr. Martin’s hobbies is watching the birds.

Function: ……………..

5. Janice, baking 10 cakes for the festival, accidentally burned one of them.

Function: ……………..

6. The teachers cannot simply excuse sleeping during class.

Function: ……………..

7. You will get good grades by studying.

Function: ……………..