

*ELG, 7<sup>th</sup> Handout, Verbals and other things*

*Underline all infinitives or infinitive phrases, participles or participial phrases, and gerunds or gerund phrases in the following sentences, labeling them infinitive (I), participial (P) or gerund (G). Example:*

P

Seeing the herd, he backed out the front door.

- 1) Trespassing is forbidden.
- 2) Kelsey was arrested for breaking into his own house.
- 3) A little kitten, trembling with fright, ran up the steps.
- 4) Abandoned by everyone, the pumpkin was weeping bitterly.
- 5) Training dogs is a highly skilled profession. Training cats is impossible.
- 6) Watching his chance, he suddenly leaped for the window.
- 7) Having given formal notice, I attempted to leave the apartment.
- 8) Mother asked her to split the wood.
- 9) A dead tree trunk, covered with ivy, stood in the yard.
- 10) Engrossed in his book, he did not notice the feline intruders.

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*Underline the infinitives or infinitive phrases in the sentences below. Example:*

Clyde loves to ride the moving sidewalks at the airport.

11) The cats like to draw remarkably different conclusions from the same evidence.

12) To comprehend some of the works of man is no joy at all.

13) The best time to watch for cats is between midnight and sunrise.

14) They advised us to do their dirty work.

15) A student known to have been embittered against the professor left several abusive messages on the WebCaucus system.

*Identify the infinitive phrases in the following sentences and show how they function (as a Noun, Adjective, or Adverb – if as a noun, tell how). For example:*

Whenever Angus isn't watching him, Buddy likes to slide down the banister.  
(Noun – direct object)

16) Fights begin to develop suddenly.

17) The wizened wizard implored the hobbits to use caution.

18) Janey asked her to split the banana.

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- 19) Tom convinced the readers to read the reading.
- 20) Mr. Gray has never been a cat to complain about his outdoor injuries.
- 21) Mama Roxanne was a sweet, schizophrenic cat [who needed Clyde to make her life contented].
- 22) Roxanne neglected to follow the normal rules.
- 23) After winning the prize, the contestant refused to explain the meaning of the word.
- 24) To fight with dogs is a cat's life.
- 25) I would like to explain the mistake, but to explain it is difficult.

*In the following sentences, underline and identify all verbals or verbal phrases. Also, identify all verb objects and complements.*

- 26) Pouring coffee over the bushes, she hoped to make a statement.
- 27) Aragorn happily removed the worn pair of shoes.
- 28) The cats asked Christine to help with the food.

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29) All of the grammarians are going to the conference on participles.

30) Going to the conference was more difficult than we thought.

31) Don't stop running.

32) If you had swum to the lighthouse, you would remember the breaking waves.

33) I really need to listen to my conscience.

34) To work at grammar, I need more stamina.

35) Working that hard just should be easier.

36) Having watched the dogs run away, Orange just smiled.

37) Having kissed the kittens, Janey smiled too.

38) The sentences having grown stale, the grammarians yawned sleepily.

39) The grass being greener, the horses gratefully grazed the field.