

**ELG, 8.5th handout, verbals,
prepositional phrases, objects & complements & some case**

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).

1. Waiting in line for an occupied bathroom was not one of Beth's strong points.

2. To put it mildly, she had had difficult experiences in such lines before.

3. There was no line here; instead, she stood alone in an ante-room, hoping for the interior door to open quickly.

4. Knocking at the locked bathroom door produced only disconcerting silence.

5. The waiting seemed intolerable, but waiting was [what needed to be done].

6. Cueball, sticking his head into the ante-room, watched Beth rock back and forth.

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7. “Found a good place to swing with the music?” he asked.

8. Beth simply nodded in bemused agreement, and together the two began to wait, and wait, and wait.

9. Abruptly the locking mechanism on the bathroom door was snapped off and slowly—with creaking—the door began to open.

10. Stepping backward, Beth and Cueball recognized Brent, a silent, funny man; he surveyed the two with seeming disregard, then, slowly opening his mouth, revealed one ping pong ball, and then another.

11. Handing them to Cueball, [who immediately let them fall to the floor], Brent strode wordlessly from the room.