

Verbs and Gerunds with Dinosaurs Worksheet

Verb: word expressing an action or existence.

Verb Phrase: helping verb (am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been, has, have, had, etc.) + action verb.

Gerund: noun form of a verb (has “ing” but is not connected to a helping verb).

Part One: Identifying Verbs and Gerunds

Underline the verbs and verb phrases and circle gerunds.

There may be more or less than one in each sentence.

1. My friend Alex and I went to the lake.
2. Playing at the lake is fun.
3. Alex was chasing me around the lake when I tripped and hit my head.
4. When I woke up, I was in a mysterious land with Alex.
5. There were spiky trees and cool blue lagoons under a hazy pink sky.
6. Alex and I heard growling and roaring.
7. We looked and saw a tyrannosaurus rex, one of the largest land carnivores of all time!
8. The tyrannosaurus was sniffing around the ground, but his back was turned to us.
9. Running away seemed like a good idea to me, but Alex was taking pictures with her cell phone.
10. I grabbed Alex and ran, but Alex let out a little scream.
11. Since screaming often attracts attention, I was worried that we had alerted the tyrannosaurus.
12. The tyrannosaurus rex had seen us and was roaring ferociously.
13. As we were running, I realized that fleeing is not much fun at all.
14. I heard him getting closer and then Alex tripped over a log.
15. The tyrannosaurus opened its jaws just when a triceratops stampeded through the bushes and hit him.
16. Stampeding is what triceratops do best because they have thick armor and powerful legs.
17. Suddenly, a pterodactyl swooped down, snatched Alex with its claws, and flew high into the sky.
18. I was fairly certain that I would never see Alex again.
19. Fortunately, I was mistaken because just then I awoke at the lake with a headache.
20. Seeing Alex made me very happy, and when Alex asked me if I was alright, I started laughing.



Part Two: On Your Own

Write three sentences on the back using a gerund. Circle your gerunds and underline your verbs.