Gerunds

What are gerunds?
- Gerunds are verbs that act like nouns.

What does they do?
- They can be the doer or receiver of an action.
- There is another verb in the sentence that usually uses or acts upon the gerund.
- Examples:
  - Running for Congress is difficult.
    - Here, the gerund “running” is the subject, or doer, of the verb “is.”
  - I like swimming.
    - Here, “swimming,” the action, becomes the object, or receiver, of the verb “to like.”

Common Mistakes
- “He swimming in the ocean”
  - Two ways to fix it:
    1. Conjugate the verb “to swim”. Eg: He swims in the ocean (present simple)
       a. This suggests the action is a habit, or something that the man does regularly.
    2. Add the “to be” verb in front of the “-ing” Eg: He is swimming in the ocean.
       a. This suggests the action is being done at the moment.

Sources
- Portland English Language Academy: https://portlandenglish.edu/blog/difference-gerund-present-participle/
- Dave’s ESL Café: https://www.eslcafe.com/resources/grammar-lessons/gerunds

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