

Gerund -- a verb form ending in -ing used as a noun

(After ^{OP} wasting time), the student decided to do his homework.

The student wasted time by ^{Of} taking a nap.

^S Swimming is a good exercise.

The duck was swimming in the pond.

The duck enjoys ^D swimming in my pond.

Reading is his favorite pastime on a rainy day.

She is reading in her room on a rainy day.

She enjoys reading in her room on a rainy day.

gerund phrase -- is a group of words containing a gerund, its objects and any modifiers .