

Underline the gerunds and circle the infinitives in these sentences. How is each used in the sentence? On the line next to each sentence, write *S* for subject, *C* for subject complement, *DO* for direct object, or *OP* for object of a preposition.

- ..... 1 I enjoy watching old movies every night on TV.  
 ..... 2 Her greatest dream was to see all of her children attend college.  
 ..... 3 What's the point of creating a nice environment at home if genetics is the only thing that counts?  
 ..... 4 Avoiding too much pressure helps children become less critical.  
 ..... 5 My niece plans to study personality development next semester.

Complete the paragraph with affirmative and negative gerunds.

I really want to do something to improve my appearance and lose weight. I'm sick of ..... able to fit into my clothes. I know it's not enough to complain about ..... weight—I need to do something about it! I plan to spend every afternoon ..... my bike. Also, I want to go on a diet, but I'm afraid of ..... hungry all the time. I worry about ..... enough energy to exercise if I'm ..... enough to eat.

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**A** Check each sentence that has an intransitive verb.

- 1 Pedro Almodóvar's new film arrives in theaters this fall.
- 2 A Canadian art collector has bought two of Michelangelo's drawings.
- 3 Someone stole Edvard Munch's painting *The Scream* in 2004.
- 4 The painter Georgia O'Keeffe lived in the southwestern part of the United States.
- 5 The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam sent *Sunflowers* on a world tour.
- 6 The traveling collection of ancient Roman sculpture is coming to San Diego this week.
- 7 The Metropolitan Museum of Art opened a new gallery last year.

**B** On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite each sentence in the passive voice. Use a by phrase only if it is important to know who is performing the action.

Someone actually stole the *Mona Lisa* in 1911.

- 2 Paloma Picasso designed these pieces of silver jewelry.
- 3 Someone will repair the sculpture when it gets old.
- 4 People have paid millions of U.S. dollars for some of Van Gogh's paintings.
- 5 They are showing some new paintings at the Smith Gallery this week.
- 6 The Malcolm Museum is going to exhibit ten sculptures by Asian artists.
- 7 Frida Kahlo was painting these pieces while she was sick in bed.
- 8 People built great pyramids throughout Central America during the height of the Mayan civilization.

**C** On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite the sentences in Exercise A that have a transitive verb, changing the active voice to the passive voice.

On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite the sentences as yes / no questions in the passive voice.

That new film about families is being directed by Gillian Armstrong.

- 2 One of da Vinci's most famous drawings has been sold by a German art collector.
- 3 A rare ceramic figure from the National Palace Museum in Taipei will be sent to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.
- 4 A new exhibit is going to be opened at the Photography Gallery this week.
- 5 Some new paintings have been bought by the Prado Museum for their permanent collection.
- 6 *Las Meninas* can be seen at the Prado Museum in Madrid.
- 7 The *Jupiter Symphony* was written by Mozart.
- 8 Some of Michelangelo's work was being shown around the world in the 1960s.