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## Gerunds

Identify the gerund and its function in each sentence.

**Example:** Megan loves spending time with her grandmother.

The gerund "spending" is the direct object of "loves".

- 1) The pain being excruciating, Tamara couldn't put off going to the dentist any longer.

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- 2) Joyce never gets tired of helping her brother sick.

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- 3) Children should be encouraged to go to school.

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- 4) While my father is reading the newspaper, he likes to think things through.

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- 5) Maintaining a winning streak is often twice as hard as winning for the first time.

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