

Sentence Diagramming: Gerunds

A gerund is a verb ending in -ing that is not used as a verb in a sentence, but is used as a noun instead. In sentence diagramming, a gerund is placed on a stair step line, with the root verb on the top step and the -ing on the lower step. Where you place the gerund depends on its function in the sentence; it can be the subject, a direct object, the object of a preposition, etc.

Example: I like watching soccer.

In this example, "watching" is the gerund. With the word "soccer," it functions as a direct object, so it is placed after the predicate.

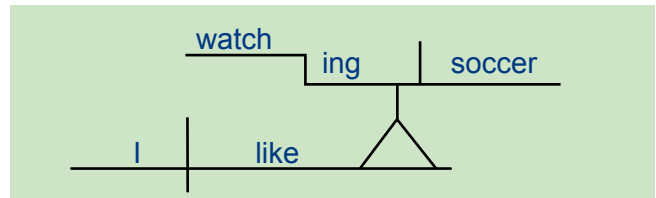
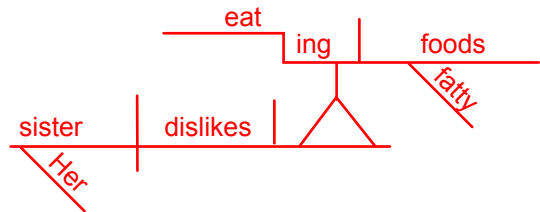
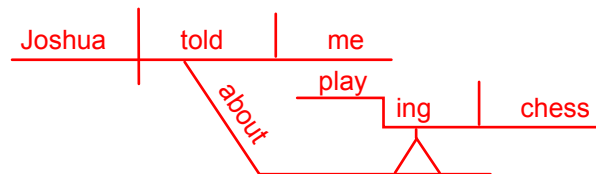


Diagram the following sentences.

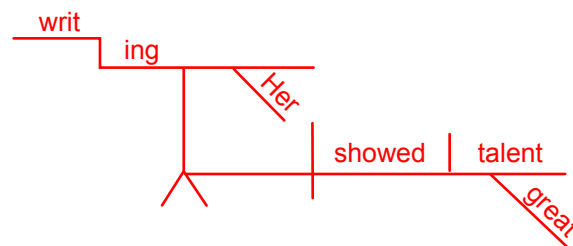
1) Her sister dislikes eating fatty foods.



2) Joshua told me about playing chess.



3) Her writing showed great talent.



4) Claire is enjoying dancing in the school play.

