

GERUNDS, GERUNDIVES AND PRESENT PARTICIPLES
Example sentences

1. Ad scolam enim latinam Torontonensem *discendi* linguam latinam causa venimus.

We have come to Toronto's Latin school for the sake *of learning* (gerund) the Latin language.

2. Ad scolam enim latinam Torontonensem *discendae* linguae latinae causa venimus.

We have come to Toronto's Latin school for the sake of the Latin language *to be learned* (gerundive)

3. Ad scolam enim latinam Torontonensem *discentis* linguam latinam causa venimus.

We have come to Toronto's Latin school for the sake *of someone learning* (pres. part.) the Latin language.

4. Vera *dicentibus* semper cedam.

I will always yield *to those speaking* (pres. part.) true things (i.e., the truth).

5. Vera *dicendi* causa resistunt.

They resist for the sake *of speaking* (gerund) the truth.

6. Homo ad vere *dicendum* natus est.

Man was born for the purpose *of speaking* (gerund) truly (to speak true).

7. *Pugnantium* clamore perterritus domum ivit.

Frightened by the clamor *of those fighting* (pres. part.), he went home.

8. Cum de *pugnando* langueret, domum ivit.

When he grew tired from *fighting* (gerund), he went home.

9. *Docere* mihi iocundum est.

To teach (infinitive as noun) is agreeable to me.

10. Omnis fere ars *docendi* ad tantum scholas restringitur.

Nearly every art *of teaching* (gerund) is restricted only (*tantum*) to schools.

11. Aut quomodo discent sine *docente*?

How will they learn without *someone teaching* (pres. part.)?

12. Presens appollogus docet nos ut queramus societatem cum similibus, *fugiendo* societatem diuitum, potentum, et superborum, *reprehendens* in hoc pauperes et simplices homines.

The present story teaches us to (that we should) seek companionship with similar people, *by fleeing* (gerund) the companionship of the rich, the powerful, and the proud, *rebuking* (pres. part., and it rebukes) poor and simple men for doing so (for this).

13. Id namque quod interius concluditur a *concludente* exterius continetur.

For that which is inclosed within is contained from without by *someone inclosing* (pres. part.) it.

14. Quomodo autem invocabunt, in quem non crediderunt? aut quomodo credent sine *praedicante*?

But how will they call upon him in whom they have not believed? Or how will they believe without *someone preaching* (pres. part.)?

15. *Quaerentes* enim inveniunt eum et *invenientes* laudabunt eum.

Seeking (pres. part.) (him), they find him, and *finding* (pres. part.) (him) they will praise him.

16. *Quaerendo* enim inveniunt eum, *inventum* laudabunt.

By seeking (gerund) (him) they find him, and they will praise *him having been found* (perf. pass. part., they will praise him when they find him).

17. Reperit diutinam filie amissionem *lamentantem*. Inquirit causam *plangendi*.

He finds someone *lamenting* (pres. part.) the long-standing loss of (his) daughter. He asks about the cause *of the lamenting* (gerund).

18. Agit ergo de tali materia tali modo *ostendendo* temporalia esse transitoria.

He deals with such matter in such a way, *by showing* (gerund) that temporal things are transitory.

19. Agit ergo de tali materia tali modo *ostendendo* non esse *laetandum* de temporalium praesentia nec *dolendum* de eorum absentia.

He deals with such matter in such a way, *by showing* (gerund) that there is not a *must-be-rejoiced* (gerundive; passive periphrastic) concerning the presence of temporal things, nor a *must-be-lamented* (gerundive; passive periphrastic) concerning their absence. In English: by showing that one should not be happy about the presence of temporal things, nor should one lament about their absence.

20. Et non sine causa utitur hoc caractere *scribendi*, scilicet quia omnis consolatio fit ratione *ostendendo* uidelicet quare not sit dolendum.

And not without reason he uses this style *of writing* (gerund), namely because every consolation happens by reason, *by showing* (gerund), namely, why there is not a *must-be-lamented* (gerundive; passive periphrastic). In English: by showing, namely, why one should not lament.