

Discovery Gerund Phrases," Jan. 23, 2014 // Name: _____ Class: _____

- Gerund phrases can allow for **subtle description and discussion** about actions in your writing.
- For one additional class color, underline the gerund phrases and circle the gerunds.
- Add modifiers or an object to Laura's sentence in green and Kevin Ye's in red.

Green: Slapping the face of Ponyboy like a pesky fly was devastating to Darry. -- **Ansel** // Running away from home was my attempt to get away after getting slapped by my brother. -- **Andes** // Stabbing Bob at midnight in the park was nasty. -- **Maria** // Accepting that Johnny was dead was difficult for Pony. -- **Amelia** // Scoring goals in soccer is harder than people think. -- **Elliot** // Fighting the Socs in the mud and rain for Johnny is exhilarating. -- **Melissa** // Walking down the street in town alone is dangerous because you might be jumped by a Soc. -- **Harnaz** // Running (what?) (where/when?) _____ was easy for Ponyboy, even though he hadn't been training for a while. -- **Laura** // Reading "Gone With the Wind" to Johnny was one of Ponyboy's favorite activities while in Windrixville. -- **Micayla** // Harassing girls in the movies with Pony and Johnny was very comfortable for Dally. -- **Richard** // Bluffing like Dally is daring if you're surrounded by policemen while holding a gun. -- **Kay** // Running from Pony and Darry out into the middle of the night was not Soda's best move. -- **Riley** // Going to a drive-in movie without paying for tickets is normal for the Greasers. -- **Michaela** // Biking down a steep slope can be a dangerous but fun activity. -- **George** // Eating apple and blueberry pies are great. -- **Jamie** // Racing through the sun baked, wide, and steep sand dunes had never been so fun. -- **Jeb** // Eating lots of food is good for young, growing people, but makes older people obese. -- **James** // Roasting marshmallows until they are a perfect golden brown color is fun. -- **Emily** // Watching movies while eating popcorn is the only true way to experience a film. -- **Erik** // Fishing for your dinner sounds fun before you've done it, but once you have been pulled into the water by the fish, you won't want to do it again. -- **Nat** // Running against Usain Bolt would be both embarrassing and frustrating. -- **Griffin**

Blue: Two-Bit thought acting as a soc and scaring Ponyboy and Johnny was a fantastic idea. -- **Claire** // Running into the burning church made Ponyboy feel anxious about what he was about to do. -- **Katryn** // Flipping over and off of cars is fun for Pony, Johnny, and Soda. -- **John** // Running in the night and jumping over objects on the sidewalk was easy for Ponyboy with his track experience. -- **Janet** // Sobbing in the white-walled hospital with Dally was heartbreaking. -- **Arielle** // Smiling in the halls at school was hard for Pony. -- **Steph** // Tumbling around the streets before rumbles is something that the gang enjoys. **Kate** // Dueling with the Socs and winning is a breath taking moment for the Greasers. -- **Rona** // Terrorizing the Greasers, helpless underlings of the late 20th century, according to the twisted, damaged minds of the spoiled Socs, appeared to be a pleasurable pastime as well as a way to gain attention and a response to the eyes of ignorant parents. -- **Soham** // Planning an armed robbery, getting chased by the cops and ultimately shot to death was something Dally Winston apparently wanted to do. -- **Emmet** // Attacking the helpless greasers when there was no one around, was a hobby for the Socs. -- **Shirin** // Ignoring the bone-chilling cold around him was difficult for Ponyboy. -- **Sean** // Rumbling with chains and switchblades can be dangerous. -- **Jessica** // Jumping off the the cliff, never having bungee-jumped before, was terrifying. -- **Gabe** // Learning about gerund phrases and all these other super interesting English concepts is so fun. -- **Max** // Jellyfishing, also known as doing the Nico, in front of the class only served to decrease the new kid's social status to almost that of the ingenious originator. -- **Evan** // Using all your intellect to generate a witty comment is not a serviceable application of your life, Evan. -- **Nico** // Cosplaying as your favorite character

shows your love and support of that series. -- **Katrina** // Climbing mountains is invigorating if you like the cold. -- **Mckenzie** //

Red: Being arrested (by Sheriff Will) (in SheriffWillVille) is exciting. -- **Luca** // Conversing with Farmer Brennan during harvest time about crop yields is extremely illuminating. -- **Will** // Riding Bulls and farming with Farmer Luca is intensifying. -- **Evan Wu** // "Jumping greasers after drinking vodka is exhilarating," said Bob. -- **Brennan** // Watching Johnny die on a white foreign hospital bed was a nightmare. -- **Ian** // Sobbing quietly under the dark, unpromising sky was heartbreaking for Johnny. -- **Riddhimaa** // Running away to the church was very scary for Johnny and Ponyboy. -- **Anat** // Eating donuts that are sugar-coated and filled with jelly are the best types of donuts ever, according to Jerry. -- **Emily** // Stealing from the grocery store in a violent way was just a way for Dally to try to have his pain go away. -- **Reina** // Slashing tires is what Dally enjoys doing in his spare time. -- **Kevin Y.** // Hiding from the train workers must have been very scary for Johnny and Pony. -- **Sylvie** // Fighting the Socs in the park during the rumble was a changing moment for the Greaser gang. -- **Becca** // Gasping in fear as he stared at the 5-inch blade plunged into his stomach is definitely not how Bob expected his night to turn out. -- **Brianna** // Archery in 20 mph winds with a lot of people around is scary. -- **Tihan** // Eating yummy food with weirdos in dark rooms is messed-up. -- **Patrick K.** // -- Running a 5k is fun in 100-mph hurricane winds. -- **Chris** // Eating at a good restaurant is great, with friends. -- **Kenneth** // Running away from fears is risky, even when they are not your fault. -- **Nickolay** // Running with Olympic runners is awesome. -- **Evan H.** // Licking a vanilla ice cream cone on the beach under the hot sun is absolutely desirable. -- **Alexa W.** // -- **Patrick B.** // Jumping over the cliff, my eyes amazed with the view for a long period of time, had made me forgot about my parachute until I hit the sharp jagged rocks at the bottom. -- **Julia** // Biking on a warm summer's day with the the wind blowing through my hair is peaceful and relaxing.-- **Claire** //

Yellow:

Smoking cancer sticks or lit firecrackers at the DX looks cool and everyone in the gang does it. -- **Emily** // Dally thought that his advice to Johnny and Pony about running away to the church was useful. -- **Alexa** // Reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton was a fun experience, as was watching the movie. -- **Grace** // Violently stabbing a Soc in the park at night with an old switchblade probably isn't the happiest experience. -- **Daphne** // Casually walking home from the movies without a weapon is risky, especially if you're a Greaser. -- **Jane** // Ponyboy thought running on the track team was very important. -- **Sandhya** // Helplessly watching another person he loves sprint off into the darkness of the night was enough to bring tears to Soda's eyes. -- **Franklin** // Stabbing Bob forcefully in the stomach for almost drowning his friend is Johnny's favorite pastime. -- **Ian** // I like eating bread with butter and coffee in the morning. -- **Eric** // Soda knows eating chocolate cake with a warm glass of milk is delicious. -- **Nabil** // Eating pizza, straight out of the oven, with gooey cheese and a soft crust, is delicious. -- **Yoojee** // Being a spy is hard because you have to keep moving. -- **Winna** // // Running around the catacombs of Paris with Gerard the moose is unforgettable. -- **James** // Tangoing, in a bright red dress, in the middle of a bullfight, is thrilling. -- **Cat** // Having pet piranhas while you are injured in a pool is very thrilling. -- **Carter** //

Green: -- Ansel // -- Andes // -- Jamie // -- Jeb // -- Maria // -- Amelia // -- Elliot // -- Melissa
// -- Harnaz // -- Laura // -- James // -- Emily // -- Micayla // -- Erik // -- Richard // -- Kay // --
Jeffrey // -- Ayush // -- Nat // -- Amaya // -- Riley //

Blue: -- Evan // -- Kate // -- Rona // -- Soham // -- Colleen // -- Ayush // -- Emmet // -- Shirin // --
Sean // -- Jessica // -- Nico // -- Katrina // -- Janet // -- Arielle // -- Steph // -- Mckenzie // -- Becca // --
Rachel // -- Claire //

Red: -- Luca // -- Brennan // -- Claire // -- Evan Wu // -- Becca // -- Brianna // -- Tihan
// -- Ian // -- Patrick K. // -- Kenneth // -- Kevin // -- Nickolay // -- Evan H. // -- Anat // -- Emily
// -- Alexa W. // -- Reina // -- Patrick B. //

Yellow: -- Jasper // -- James // -- Cat // -- Daphne // -- Jane // -- Sandhya // -- Franklin //
-- Ashley // -- Emily // -- Ian // -- Eric // -- Nabil // -- Grace // -- Shrutika // -- Chanseo // --
Jessica // -- Yoojee // -- Winna // -- Charlie // -- Mesay // -- Alexa

Participial phrases begin with a _____. (participle or participial)

Positions of Participial Phrases:

1st position: before the subject

Dying in the hospital, Johnny managed to whisper to Pony “Stay gold, Pony, stay gold.”

2nd position: after the subject and before the verb

Johnny, **dying in the hospital,** managed to whisper to Pony “Stay gold, Pony, stay gold.”

3rd position: after the verb

Johnny managed to whisper to Pony “Stay gold, Pony, stay gold.”
and then sank into his pillow, **dying there in the quiet room.**

Which is the best position for this participial phrase?

“swinging from the trees”

(1st) **we** (2nd) **watched the monkeys** (3rd)

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1. Clams were **squirting** seawater on our legs as we walked along the ocean.
 2. The **squirting** clams made our legs wet as we walked by the ocean’s edge at low tide.
 3. **Squirting** cold seawater on our legs, the clams definitely had an attitude.

*All three “squirting” words are participles (-ing words made from verbs). Which begins a **participial phrase**? Which is just an **adjective**? Which is a working as a **verb**?*

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