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# Ensure (verb)

**Definition:** to result from

**Synonyms:** **to follow**

**Antonyms:** **to cause**

**Sentence:** Spontaneous applause **ensued** when the principal announced that the school would be closed for two weeks for repairs.

# Entice (verb)

**Definition:** to attract by offering reward or pleasure

**Synonyms:** tempt, lure

**Antonyms:** discourage

**Sentence:** I was *enticed* by the color and style of the gown, but the price was too high.

# **Equivocal** (adjective)

**Definition:** ambiguous; purposely vague

**Synonyms:** **uncertain, questionable**

**Antonyms:** **certain, definite, unequivocal**

**Sentence:** He never said “yes” or “no.” He always had to give an *equivocal* answer.

# **Eradicate** (verb)

**Definition:** to wipe out; destroy

**Synonyms:** **erase, eliminate**

**Antonyms:** **add, create**

**Sentence:** The girl tried to *eradicate* the memory of the crash from her mind.

# Fabricate (verb)

**Definition:** to make up, to build; to make up a story in order to deceive

**Synonyms:** **to erect, to invent**

**Antonyms:** **demolish, destroy**

**Sentence:** We tried to *fabricate* a story our parents would believe.

# Facade (noun)

**Definition:** deceptive outward appearance; front part of a building

**Synonyms:** front, exterior, disguise, mask

**Antonyms:** reality, truth

**Sentence:** Although Joan put on a cheerful *facade*, we knew she was heartbroken.

# Fallible (adjective)

**Definition:** capable of error

**Synonyms:** **faulty, imperfect**

**Antonyms:** **infallible, perfect**

**Sentence:** Because we are all human, we all make mistakes; therefore, we are all *fallible*.

# Fawn (verb)

**Definition:** to act slavishly submissive

**Synonyms:** grovel

**Antonyms:** ignore, disregard, neglect

**Sentence:** The young dancers *fawned* over the prima ballerina.

# GRAMMAR: Parts of a Sentence

A **GERUND** is a verbal that ends in -ing and acts as a noun. It can act as a subject, direct object, subject complement (predicate nominative), or object of the preposition.

# GRAMMAR: Parts of a Sentence

## Examples:

*Listening* is a great asset.

Do you think that the young soldier enjoys *jogging*?

His most recent exercise program is *weightlifting*.

Justine was given an award for *volunteering*.

# **GRAMMAR: Parts of a Sentence**

A **GERUND PHRASE** includes the gerund, its modifiers, and the words that complete the idea begun by the gerund.

# GRAMMAR: Parts of a Sentence

## Examples:

*Skiing* during the vacation was a lot of fun for this family.

*Reporting* the news was Brooke's dream job.

We could not stop them from *yelling* at the interviewer.

# QUICK QUIZ

My neighbor was given a ticket for speeding.

They enjoy walking along the beach.

She has a talent for helping those in need.

The giggling from the students was able to be heard in the next room.

Before seeing the sun, we were unhappy.