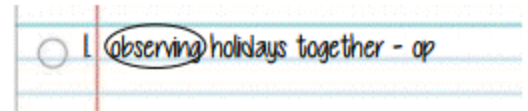


Gerunds and Gerund Phrases Practice

EXERCISE 1

1. Write the gerund phrase. If there is no gerund phrase, simply write the gerund.
2. Circle the gerund.
3. Label each gerund or gerund phrase as a subject (s), object of preposition (op), direct object (do), indirect object (io), predicate noun (pn), or appositive (app). If there is no gerund, simply write *none*.

EXAMPLE: *One way people share good times is by observing holidays together.*



1. Some people keep Valentine's Day by sending heart-shaped cards to friends.
2. Sharing valentines with others can brighten a wintry February day.
3. Many historians believe the holiday sprang from an ancient Roman custom of honoring two brothers by the name of Valentine.
4. One activity that belongs to another holiday is coloring eggs.
5. Easter is often associated with blooming spring flowers.
6. In Christian traditions, Easter marks the rising of Jesus from the dead.
7. At the same time as Easter, Jewish families observe Passover by preparing a special meal, a *seder*.
8. At this meal, Jewish people are often remembering the flight of their ancestors from slavery in Egypt.
9. One tradition, playing jokes on people, may seem to be a strange way to celebrate a holiday.
10. Exchanging gag gifts, however, was a custom in France that grew into our April Fool's Day.
11. A lesser-known spring holiday revolves around planting trees—Arbor Day.
12. Various states enjoy observing Arbor Day any time from December to May.
13. Most people would agree that respecting mothers is important every day of the year.
14. In 1914 Congress gave reserving a specific day for mothers great thought.
15. As a result, the second Sunday in May is the day set aside for one purpose, remembering Mom.
16. In celebrating Memorial Day at the end of May, we pay tribute to those who died for their country.
17. Veterans Day, celebrated in November, is about honoring all members of the armed services.

18. The idea of one Spokane, Washington, woman was having a special day for fathers.
19. On the third Sunday in June, Father's Day, children show their fathers how they feel about them by sending cards and giving presents.
20. A holiday in June features flying the American flag, a tradition that began after the Civil War.
21. On June 14, people give remembering the first American flag much of their time.
22. Just one year earlier, thirteen colonies went to war with England by declaring their independence.
23. The colonies knew they were entering a dangerous and fateful time.
24. With the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution began.
25. After the War of Independence, the winning colonies became a new and independent nation.
26. The historic Liberty Bell was ringing out over the streets of Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.
27. The purpose of our Independence Day is celebrating America's birth.
28. In almost every American town, holding parades on the Fourth of July is a tradition.
29. A big part of the Fourth involves my favorite tradition, watching fireworks.
30. On this day, however, people should also give remembering our country's early days much of their time.
31. Labor Day is an occasion for honoring the nation's workers.
32. In 1882, New York City made the groundbreaking decision to dedicate a holiday to workers.
33. For many Americans, the best way to celebrate Labor Day is having a day off from work!
34. During the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, the keeping of the fast of Ramadan occurs.
35. American Muslims celebrate this religious festival by fasting during the day.
36. When the sun sets, however, Muslims can stop their fasting and celebrate their holy month.