

Year 2 Term 2 Week 9 Day 1

Grammar: gerunds

Latin Without Tears pages 231b -233a introduces gerunds and participles. You need to understand the gerund for IGCSE. In English the gerund ends in “ing” – but not all words ending in “ing” are gerunds! The gerund is a verb used as a noun such as, “He took offence at my **telling** him he was late.” In Latin the gerund ends ... *ndum* ...*undi* ...*undo*.

We still use in English two Latin phrases which include a gerund: *modus vivendi* and *modus operandi* meaning “way of living” and “way of working.” Notice the use of “of” here in the translation.

Check today's lesson for any new words that are in the IGCSE vocabulary and add them to your notebook. Carry on with your chanting and make sure you can recognise these gerund endings.