

## Participial Phrases and Gerund Phrases

**16f.** A **participial phrase** consists of a participle and any modifiers or complements the participle has. The entire phrase is used as an adjective.

**16h.** A **gerund phrase** consists of a gerund and any modifiers or complements the gerund has. The entire phrase is used as a noun.

**PARTICIPIAL PHRASE** **Designing a chair**, he first made several rough sketches. [participial phrase used as an adjective to modify *he*]

**GERUND PHRASES** Evan likes **designing the work** and **drawing the sketches**. [gerund phrases used as direct objects of *likes*]

**EXERCISE** In the paragraph below, identify each underlined phrase by writing above it *PART* for *participial phrase* or *GER* for *gerund phrase*.

**Example** [1] <sup>GER</sup> Winning the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race four times has brought Susan Butcher a certain amount of fame.

[1] Determined and driven toward her goals, Butcher raises her own dogs. [2] Tucked away in the Alaskan wilderness not far from the Arctic Circle, her kennel is a four-hour drive from the nearest grocery store. [3] Butcher believes that only when she remains this isolated from society can she concentrate on creating a tight bond with her 150 dogs. [4] Having been a veterinary technician previously, she has raised huskies in her own unique way for more than twenty years. [5] From the moment each puppy is born, getting it used to her voice and her touch requires plenty of time. [6] Breathing on a newborn puppy so that it can also learn her scent, she handles and talks to the puppy frequently. [7] Growing closer and closer to Butcher, the puppy is personally fed, trained, and even sung to and massaged by her. [8] When the puppy is four and one-half months old, Butcher begins training it in harness. [9] By showing the dogs her love for them, Butcher gains the devotion needed to create championship teams. [10] In the Iditarod, crossing approximately 1,160 miles of mountains, frozen seas, and snowy wilderness between Anchorage and Nome is the ultimate test of a dog team's devotion.