

Comparison of Gerunds and Gerundives (Genitive) (p1/3)

1. Summary of Comparison

- 1.1. The **gerundive**, or perfect passive participle, is a **verbal adjective**, which conveys a sense of necessity, obligation or propriety
 - 1.1.1. The gerundive may appear in any case, according to its corresponding noun
- 1.2. The **gerund** is a **type of gerundive**, appearing only the **oblique** (non-nominative) cases, used substantial as a **verbal noun**
 - 1.2.1. This use of the gerundive, always neuter singular, is comparable to the English gerund, which ends in -ing
- 1.3. For a more basic discussion of gerunds and gerundives, see the articles on ‘Gerunds’ and ‘Gerundives’ elsewhere in this blog

2. Gerunds and Gerundives with the Genitive

- 2.1. Both gerund and gerundive may appear as either an **objective** or **subjective** (possessive) **genitive**
 - 2.1.1. It is the best end of living: **vīvendī finis est optimus** (subjective gerund)
 - 2.1.2. She has a love for pillaging: **amōrem capiendī habet.** (objective gerund)
 - 2.1.3. She is the daughter of that praiseworthy general: **filia laudandī imperatōris est.** (subjective gerundive)
- 2.2. Gerunds and gerundives in the genitive may take a direct object
 - 2.2.1. I believe there is no just cause for taking up arms: **nūllam causam arma capiendī esse putō.** (objective gerundive)
 - 2.2.2. He demonstrated the art of distinguishing true and false: **artem vēra ac falsa dīiudicandī ostendāvit.** (objective gerund)
- 2.3. Occasionally, they take a second objective genitive in place of the direct object
 - 2.3.1. They sought the ability to recover themselves: **suī colligendī facultātem petivērunt.**
- 2.4. The gerundive with **causā** or **gratiā** (abl.) expresses purpose
 - 2.4.1. He left for the sake of avoiding suspicion: **abiit vitandae suspīciōnis causā.**
 - 2.4.2. She was silent in order to deceive: **simulandī gratiā tacuit.**

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Famous Phrase: **in statū nascendī** (in the state of being born)
[concept in cellular biology]