

# THE VERBAL NOUNS

# Word formation

Verb	Noun
to protect	protection
to pollute	pollution
to predict	prediction
to destroy	destruction
to explore	exploration
to attract	attraction

## “Subject”

- A **verbal noun** does not take a subject in the nominative case.
- A noun in the **accusative case** can function as the subject of the verbal element.
  - Δεῖ **αὐτήν** ἐσθίειν.
- When an infinitive has two accusatives, the first is usually the “subject”
  - Δεῖ βλέπειν **αὐτόν** **αὐτήν**.

# The verbal noun had the endings:

- The Old English

-ung

- The Middle English

-ing(e)

The Modern  
English

- ing



# The Gerund and the Verbal Noun

## The Gerund

- has voice and correlation distinctions;
- can function as a direct object;
- can have adverbs as modifiers.

## The Verbal Noun

- has the plural form;
- functions in of-phrases;
- combines with adjectival attributes;
- has the article.

## Vocabulary: Verb + Noun

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Complete the noun sets with the verbs in the box.

cross   say   raise   go on   carry

- 1   raise   money / £40,000 / a million dollars
- 2   \_\_\_\_\_   the desert / the sea / the border
- 3   \_\_\_\_\_   a journey / a mission / holiday
- 4   \_\_\_\_\_   suitcases / equipment / a camera
- 5   \_\_\_\_\_   hello / goodbye / thank you