Identifying Gerunds

Underline the gerunds or gerund phrases in the following sentences.

1. Swimming keeps me in shape.
2. Swimming in your pool is always fun.
3. Telling your father was a mistake.
4. The college recommends sending applications early.
5. He won the game by scoring during the overtime period.
6. Her most important achievement was winning the national championship.
7. Going to work today took all my energy.
8. Fighting for a losing cause made them depressed.

Exercise on Gerunds:

Create five original gerund phrases of your own.

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Creating Sentences

Trade your sheet with someone near you. Write five sentences, each including one of the gerund phrases from this person's sheet. Underline the gerund phrase. *If you suspect that this person made errors in their gerund phrases, correct the mistakes before you create your sentences.*

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