



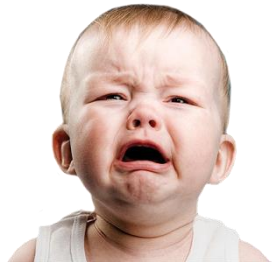
## Grammar Tidbit #14

### -ing Form: Present Progressive, Participle or Gerund?

The -ing form of a verb can have many uses: it can play the role of adjective, adverb or even noun.

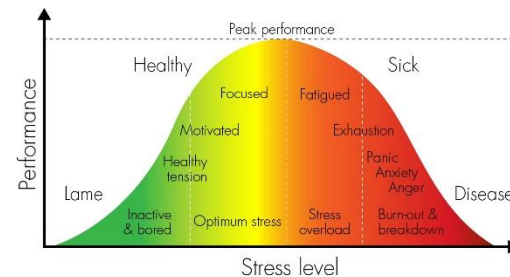
**Present progressive denotes a current ongoing process and is accompanied by the verb TO BE**

The baby is **crying**.



**A gerund is a verb acting like a noun Without the verb TO BE**

**Crying** can relieve stress.



**A participle is what we call a verb when it's used as a modifier (adjective or adverb) without the verb TO BE**

The **crying** baby is finally calming down.  
The baby ran **crying** out of the room.