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Verbals

Definition

Verbals are verb forms that function as other parts of speech rather than as main verbs in a sentence. There are three types of verbals: gerunds (verb + -ing functioning as nouns), infinitives (to + verb), and participles (verb forms functioning as adjectives).

Example

Type	Example	Function	Form
Gerund	"Swimming is good exercise."	Functions as a noun (subject)	Verb + -ing
Infinitive	"She wants to learn Spanish."	Functions as a noun (direct object)	To + verb base form
Participle	"The broken window needs repair."	Functions as an adjective (describes window)	Past participle

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the type of verbal (gerund, infinitive, or participle) used in each sentence about Moche ceramic art.

1. Creating portrait vessels was a significant achievement of Moche ceramic artists.

- a) gerund
- b) infinitive
- c) participle
- d) none of the above

2. Archaeologists work to preserve the delicate ceramic artifacts from the Moche civilization.

- a) gerund
- b) infinitive
- c) participle
- d) none of the above

3. Painted with red and cream slip, Moche ceramics display scenes of daily life and religious rituals.

- a) gerund
- b) infinitive
- c) participle
- d) none of the above

4. The Moche artisans enjoyed depicting warriors and mythological beings in their pottery.

- a) gerund
- b) infinitive
- c) participle
- d) none of the above

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5. The decorated vessels found in burial chambers reveal important information about Moche social hierarchy.

- a) gerund
- b) infinitive
- c) participle
- d) none of the above

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with the appropriate type of verbal as instructed in parentheses.

1. _____ (gerund phrase) requires extensive knowledge of Moche cultural symbols and rituals.

2. Museum curators hope _____ (infinitive phrase) for future generations to study.

3. Moche artists created stirrup-spout bottles, _____ (participial phrase).

4. _____ (infinitive phrase) is challenging due to the complexity of Moche artistic motifs.

5. _____ (gerund phrase) was an important method for documenting Moche beliefs about the afterlife.

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Verbals – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. a) gerund ("Creating portrait vessels" is a gerund phrase functioning as a subject)
2. b) infinitive ("to preserve" is an infinitive phrase)
3. c) participle ("Painted with red and cream slip" is a participial phrase)
4. a) gerund ("depicting" is a gerund functioning as the object of "enjoyed")
5. c) participle ("decorated" is a past participle functioning as an adjective)

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Possible answers:

1. Interpreting Moche ceramic artwork / Analyzing the portrait vessels / Studying the ceremonial pottery
2. to protect these fragile artifacts / to restore damaged Moche ceramics / to display the finest examples of Moche pottery
3. featuring distinctive spouts resembling stirrups / representing important religious themes / showcasing their technical mastery
4. To understand the narrative scenes in Moche art / To identify all the deities portrayed in the ceramics / To decode the symbolic meaning in Moche pottery
5. Depicting funeral processions on ceramic vessels / Portraying the supernatural realm through clay sculptures / Representing important rituals in ceramic form