

# Parts of Speech Exercise No. 3

Adding Verbals: Present Participle, Past Participle and Infinitive

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## Chapter 1

### A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

**Directions:** On the lines below, indicate how each word is functioning: adjective, noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, present participle, past participle, infinitive or none of these.

sea \_\_\_\_\_  
 mist \_\_\_\_\_  
 minuscule \_\_\_\_\_  
 drops \_\_\_\_\_  
 to think \_\_\_\_\_  
 perfectly \_\_\_\_\_  
 watching \_\_\_\_\_  
 to form \_\_\_\_\_  
 moving \_\_\_\_\_  
 paying \_\_\_\_\_  
 equal \_\_\_\_\_  
 attention \_\_\_\_\_  
 faded \_\_\_\_\_  
 patterns \_\_\_\_\_  
 their \_\_\_\_\_  
 his \_\_\_\_\_  
 them \_\_\_\_\_  
 shoulders \_\_\_\_\_  
 were hunched \_\_\_\_\_  
 tension \_\_\_\_\_  
 changing \_\_\_\_\_  
 entered \_\_\_\_\_

A **sea mist** had coated the window of the farm's kitchen with **minuscule drops** of rain. Erik was trying not to **think** of the terrible gamble taken by his mum. His nervous attention was focused on the droplets. Erik sat **perfectly still**, **watching** the flecks of water as some of them joined together **to form** larger drops, and these in turn amalgamated. Eventually, a raindrop grew to the point where it could no longer cling to the glass, and with an erratic plunge rushed downward, **moving** all the swifter as it gathered up the water in its path—a catastrophic event in the world of the million mist droplets.

Next to Erik, apparently **paying equal attention** to the **faded patterns** in the wood of **their** well-worn table, sat **his** dad. Neither of **them** had spoken in over an hour, and their **shoulders were hunched** from **tension**. At long last, hollow footsteps rang out, **changing** in tone as they moved from wooden stair to tiled floor. The kitchen door latch was raised and his mother **entered**.