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example: *Her dream is to dance in the Nutcracker.*

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example: *Swimming is my favorite summer sport.*

Participles – a verb form usually ending in –ing or –ed that is used as an adjective.

example: *She carefully opened the elaborately wrapped gift.*

Identify the underlined word in each sentence below by writing I (for infinitive), G (for gerund), or P (for participle).

1. _____ David wanted to sail across the lake last Saturday.
2. _____ His uncle's newly painted boat was ready for a voyage.
3. _____ Grinning, David said, "Ours will be the brightest boat on the lake."



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8. _____ "I wanted to knit with that yarn," grumbled Emily.
9. _____ Laughing, Clara pointed at Sylvester, the cat.
10. _____ "Knitting must be Sylvester's hobby, too," she said.

ANSWER KEY

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