

**Lesson 17** Underline each gerund phrase. Draw a box around the gerund.

1. Building a gingerbread house is a lot of work.
2. Mixing all the ingredients of the gingerbread batter is the first step.
3. Next comes pouring the batter into large, flat pans.
4. Baking the gingerbread is the easiest part of the process.
5. Smelling the delicious scent of the spices is a treat.
6. While the gingerbread cools, sneaking a piece is not allowed!
7. The walls and roof of the house are made by cutting the hard, flat bread into rectangles.
8. A special icing is used for gluing the walls and candy pieces together.
9. Spreading icing along the edges of the walls and roof is the next step.
10. The job of putting the house together requires skill and patience.
11. Collecting all the candy pieces is the best part.
12. Attaching the candy pieces onto the gingerbread house is also a lot of fun.
13. The hardest part is making all the candy pieces stick.
14. Standing back for a better view of the finished house is a satisfying experience.
15. Creating something from scratch can be very rewarding.

**Lesson 18** Write *A* if the verb in the sentence is in the active voice. Write *P* if the verb in the sentence is in the passive voice.

1. Alex was being followed. \_\_\_\_\_
2. He sensed it. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He swiftly turned around. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A dog stopped in its tracks. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The dog was surprised by Alex's sudden movement. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Alex and the dog stared at each other. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Neither of them moved. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Then the dog cocked its head in a quizzical gesture. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Why was Alex being followed by this dog? \_\_\_\_\_
10. A friendly little whine was produced by the dog. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Alex interpreted the sound as a plea for food. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The next day a dog treat was packed in Alex's backpack by his mother. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The treat would be given to the dog by Alex. \_\_\_\_\_
14. On his walk home from school, Alex saw the dog up ahead. \_\_\_\_\_
15. This time the dog was being followed by Alex. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_