## **NON-FINITE VERB FORMS**

## The infinitive

• Means only the action, not indicating either the person or the number. Infinitive answers questions: what to do?

"We do not write

to be understood.

We write in order

to understand."

- C.S. Lewis

## Participle

An impersonal form of the verb, which has the properties of a verb, adverb and adjective.

• The present participle is formed by the end **-ing**: to learn – learn**ing** 

The past participle is also an impersonal form of the verb, also having the properties of the verb, adjective and adverb. But unlike the present participle, the past participle has only one unchangeable form, in fact, it is the third form of the ver

## **Participles Vs Verbs**

- A verb shows an action, a condition, or the fact that something exists.
- A participle acting as an adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun.

Verbs	Participles
<ul> <li>The judge has married a couple.</li> <li>The bird is singing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The married couple has one baby now.</li> <li>The singing bird is cute.</li> </ul>



















- Gerund is a non-personal form of the English verb with the suffix -ing, which combines the features of the noun and the verb and carries in itself a connotation of the meaning of some process:playing, reading, walking.
- In Russian, there is no form similar to gerund.