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Answers: Student's answers will vary. Examples of correct answers.

1. swimming as a direct object

I love swimming.

2. talking as an object of a preposition.

Louisa had to stay after school for talking in class.

3. running as a subject

Running is good exercise.

4. sleeping as a subject complement

His favorite activity on Saturday is sleeping.

5. helping as a direct object

Her sister enjoys helping the first graders.

6. laughing as a subject

Laughing helps you stay young.

7. cooking as an object of a preposition

I won an award for cooking.

8. riding as a subject complement

The best part of the trip was riding in the front seat.