Infinitives, Participles and Gerunds

I Look at the -ing word in each sentence. In the brackets, write G if it is gerund or P if it is a participle.

- 1.I wrote explaining the issues in great detail. ()
- 2. Look at that monkey scratching all over the body. ()
- 3. Writing poetry kept him busy during his leisure. ()
- 4. It has been raining for an hour now. ()
- 5. She had great difficulty in learning to read and write. ()
- 6. While he was speaking, the guests were listening with great interest. ()

II Underline the non finites and mark them as infinitives, gerunds or participles

A crow while sitting on an electric pole slipped and got trapped in the wires. Its screaming cries attracted at least fifty crows. The frightened birds began to cry very loudly. Hundreds of people working in different buildings came out and saw the crow struggling for its freedom.





Raj, a caring man from the crowd climbed the pole and tried to free the bird. Having released the bird, the man felt happy. He climbed down the pole smiling. Helping animals has always been in his mind. We must also make it a habit to save animals when in danger.

III Underline the non-finites and state if they are 'to' or 'bare' infinitive

- 1. Fashion makes me spend a lot of money on clothes
- 2. I tried to unlock the door
- 3. A big dog made the little girl cry
- 4. Ram hopes to find a job soon
- 5. I hate to see the hero of the movie die