Practice with Verbals #1

Directions: circle each verbal and indicate if it is a noun, adjective, or adverb; then indicate its use if it is noun or the word modified if it is an adjective or adverb.

1. Chasing the Joker in his Batcar is Batman’s chief thrill.
2. The boy doing the puzzle is a friend of mine.
3. The bound edition of the novel has disappeared from the library.
4. Holden Caulfield wanted to quit school and work in a filling station.
5. To cross the desert, the camel loaded up on water.
6. His being elected governor astonished his supporters.
7. His preoccupation was to work before his main job.
8. The wrestler purposely faltered to get a better hold on his opponent.
9. His way of relaxing after a hard day’s work was playing basketball.
10. The track team swam in the winter to build lung capacity and increase endurance.
11. Drifting slowly to earth in a parachute seems almost euphoric after the trauma of jumping from the airplane.
12. The night made the trees too dark to see.
13. One cannot help wondering what he will do after graduating from high school.
14. The aging seamstress made a costume consisting of rags.
15. She had no desire except to stay.
16. It is easy to identify infinitives unless they are in a sentence with an expletive.
17. She went walking with the handsome stranger along the beach.
18. The president made looking like an environmentalist his number-one priority.
19. The campers, having finished their meal, put out the fire.
20. Beware of anyone who says he has a deal to work with you.