

Insert the preposition

1. You can't really blame Helen ___ not wanting to get involved.
2. I had never thought ___ becoming an actor.
3. I apologize ___ interrupting.
4. He was clever ___ finding bargains.
5. Despite her illness, she remains actively engaged ___ shaping policy.
6. Sheila is interested ___ starting her own business.
7. My grandfather was very fond ___ handing out advice to all my friends.
8. His back injury may prevent him ___ playing in tomorrow's game.
9. A force 10 wind is capable ___ blowing the roofs off houses.
10. I'm surprised ___ finding you in.
11. I was afraid ___ disturbing you.
12. He left Manchester with the intention ___ finding a job in London.
13. Lately I've been toying with the idea ___ going back to school.
14. There is no great harm ___ taking something to relieve a headache.
15. He was very good ___ imitating bird calls.
16. Loreen was angry ___ being denied the opportunity to see me.
17. I called in the hope ___ finding her at home.
18. He gives an impression ___ being a hard worker.
19. The community benefits ___ having an excellent health service.
20. I've always been afraid ___ flying.
21. We were prevented ___ entering the house.
22. I'd never dream ___ allowing my child to do that.

23. The firm specializes ____ printing calendars.
24. He is responsible ____ recruiting and training new staff.
25. Only the Democratic party is capable ____ running the country.
26. She won't thank you ____ telling everyone how old she is.
27. Her books succeed ____ bringing historical characters to life.
28. He tried to run away from the police and was later charged ____ resisting arrest.
29. What do you know ____ making maps?
30. Jack liked the idea ____ having his own farm, but wasn't so sure he'd like the reality.
31. Don't punish him ____ shouting.
32. They had great difficulty ____ finding replacement.
33. He's only got himself to thank ____ losing his job.
34. He made the fatal mistake ____ believing what they told him.
35. She had another feeble excuse ____ being late.
36. She was determined to follow her own inclinations ____ choosing a career.
37. There is little point ____ telling her now.
38. The chances ____ winning faded to nothing.
39. The thought ____ flying fills me with panic.
40. I was on the point ____ going to bed when you rang.