

### EXERCISE 3 GERUNDS AFTER CERTAIN VERBS

Sandra Carrone is having a dance party at her studio. Complete the summary sentences with the appropriate verbs from the box and the gerund form of the verbs in parentheses.

|       |          |         |      |        |         |
|-------|----------|---------|------|--------|---------|
| admit | consider | dislike | keep | permit | regret  |
| ban   | deny     | enjoy   | mind | quit   | suggest |

1. LUKE: Would you like a cup of coffee?

KATIE: No, thanks. I haven't had coffee in five years.

SUMMARY: Katie quit drinking coffee five years ago.  
(drink)

2. OSCAR: Oh, they're playing a tango. Would you like to dance?

RIKA: No, thanks. It's not my favorite dance.

SUMMARY: Rika doesn't do the tango.  
(do)

3. ANA: Do you often come to these dance parties?

MARIA: Yes. It's a good opportunity to dance with a lot of different partners.

SUMMARY: Maria dances with different partners.  
(dance)

4. LAURA: I don't know how to do the cha-cha. Could you show me?

BILL: OK. Just follow me.

SUMMARY: Bill doesn't teach Laura the cha-cha.  
(teach)

5. KATIE: This is a difficult dance. How did you learn it?

LUKE: I practiced it over and over again.

SUMMARY: Luke practices the dance.  
(practice)

6. VERA: Ow. You stepped on my toe!

LUIS: No, I didn't!

SUMMARY: Luis didn't step on Vera's toe.  
(step)

7. BILL: Are you going to take any more classes?

LAURA: I'm not sure. I haven't decided yet. Maybe.

SUMMARY: Laura is considering taking more dance classes.  
(take)

8. KATIE: I really love dancing.

LUKE: Me, too. I'm sorry I didn't start years ago. It's a lot of fun.

SUMMARY: Luke should have begun dance lessons sooner.  
(not begin)

9. BILL: Why don't we go out for coffee after class next week?

LAURA: OK. I'd like that.

SUMMARY: Bill \_\_\_\_\_ (go) \_\_\_\_\_ out after class.

10. LUKE: You look tired.

LAURA: I am tired. I think this will be the last dance for me.

SUMMARY: Laura \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) \_\_\_\_\_ tired.

11. DAN: Would you like a cigarette?

INA: I don't smoke. Besides, it isn't permitted here.

SUMMARY: The studio \_\_\_\_\_ (smoke) \_\_\_\_\_.

12. DAN: You can't smoke in the studio?

INA: No. But you can smoke outside.

SUMMARY: The studio \_\_\_\_\_ (smoke) \_\_\_\_\_ outside.

#### EXERCISE 4 GERUNDS AFTER PREPOSITIONS

Complete the conversations with the correct preposition and the gerund form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. KYLE: Where were you? It's 7:30!

JOHN: I know. I apologize \_\_\_\_\_ *for being* \_\_\_\_\_ late.  
(be)

2. EMMA: Are you excited about your vacation?

JUSTIN: Oh, yes. I'm really looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ a break. I need one.  
(have)

3. AUSTIN: I'm trying to stop smoking, but it's so hard.

NOAH: Don't give up. I'm sure you'll succeed \_\_\_\_\_.  
(quit)

4. RYAN: What's wrong? You look upset.

SASHA: I have a test tomorrow, and I'm worried \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(pass)

5. CHENG: Where's José?

COLE: He's still at work. He insisted \_\_\_\_\_ late and

\_\_\_\_\_ his report.  
(finish)

(continued on next page)

6. KEVIN: I'm tired \_\_\_\_\_ home every night. Let's go out.  
(stay)
- AMBER: Good idea. I'm in favor \_\_\_\_\_ out more.  
(get)
7. KAYLA: I hear the school cafeteria is going to get a salad bar.
- MEGAN: That's great! I believe \_\_\_\_\_ healthy choices for lunch. It's really important.  
(have)
8. JOHN: Do you approve \_\_\_\_\_ smoking outside the school building?  
(permit)
- SIMON: Actually, I don't. I'm opposed \_\_\_\_\_ in public areas. They should prohibit it.  
(smoke)

### EXERCISE 5 EDITING

Read the online survey about smoking. There are seven mistakes in the use of gerunds. The first one is already corrected. Find and correct six more.

#### Smoking Survey

Click on the statements you agree with.

- ☒ I'm in favor of <sup>banning</sup> ~~ban~~ smoking in all public places.
- ☐ I think to smoke should be illegal in parks and at beaches.
- ☐ I approve to having free programs that help people quit to smoke.
- ☐ To advertise cigarettes in newspapers and magazines is alright.
- ☐ Smoking cigarettes are a private decision, and the government should not make laws against it.
- ☐ If people enjoy to light up a cigarette, that is their right.

## EXERCISE 2 VERB + INFINITIVE OR VERB + OBJECT + INFINITIVE

Read the conversations between men and women in relationships. Complete the two summary statements for each conversation.

1. SHE: We need to focus on our relationship. I *really* think we should see a therapist.

HE: Well, I'm not going to.

SUMMARY: She urged him to see a therapist.

He refused to see a therapist.

2. HE: Could you please do the dishes tonight?

SHE: Sorry. I don't have time. Could you please do them?

SUMMARY: He didn't want \_\_\_\_\_

She wanted \_\_\_\_\_

3. HE: Don't forget to buy some milk.

SHE: OK. I'll get some on the way home.

SUMMARY: He reminded \_\_\_\_\_

She agreed \_\_\_\_\_

4. SHE: Will you do me a favor? Could you drive me to my aunt's?

HE: OK.

SUMMARY: She asked \_\_\_\_\_

He agreed \_\_\_\_\_

5. SHE: Would you like to have dinner at my place Friday night?

HE: Um ... I'm not sure. Um ... I guess so.

SUMMARY: She invited \_\_\_\_\_

He hesitated \_\_\_\_\_

6. SHE: Will you give me your answer tomorrow?

HE: Yes, I will. That's a promise.

SUMMARY: She wants \_\_\_\_\_

He promised \_\_\_\_\_

(continued on next page)

7. SHE: Would you like me to cut your hair? It's really long.

HE: Oh, OK.

SUMMARY: She offered \_\_\_\_\_

He is going to allow \_\_\_\_\_

8. SHE: It's 8:00. I thought you said you'd be home at 7:00.

HE: No. I always get home at 8:00.

SUMMARY: She expected \_\_\_\_\_

He expected \_\_\_\_\_

9. HE: Why didn't you call me before you left the office?

SHE: I was going to, but I forgot.

SUMMARY: He wanted \_\_\_\_\_

She intended \_\_\_\_\_

10. SHE: Let's see a movie Friday night.

HE: OK, but could you pick one?

SUMMARY: She would like \_\_\_\_\_

He would like \_\_\_\_\_

11. HE: I plan on asking my boss for a raise.

SHE: Great idea. I think you definitely should do it.

SUMMARY: He intends \_\_\_\_\_

She's encouraging \_\_\_\_\_

12. SHE: I'd like to get some more stamps.

HE: Oh, I'll stop at the post office on the way home.

SUMMARY: She wants \_\_\_\_\_

He volunteered \_\_\_\_\_