

EXERCISE 3 POSSESSIVE GERUNDS

GRAMMAR NOTE 5 Complete each sentence with a possessive noun or pronoun and a gerund. Use the correct forms of the words in parentheses.

- I have two best friends, Bob and Mary. Bob is my co-worker. I'm grateful for _____ his giving _____ me a ride to work every day.
(he / give)
- I'm new to the firm, so I also appreciate _____ me learn my job.
(Bob / help)
- _____ my work is hard to deal with, so Bob's encouragement is vital.
(My boss / criticize)
- Mary is my neighbor. _____ so close is wonderful.
(She / live)
- I especially appreciate _____ me on tough issues.
(Mary / advise)
- She knows how to deal with _____ discouraged.
(I / become)
- I couldn't ask for two better friends than Bob and Mary. I'm thankful for _____ there for me when I need them.
(they / be)
- _____ together frequently helps us stay close.
(We / get)

EXERCISE 4 SIMPLE AND PAST GERUNDS

GRAMMAR NOTE 6 Complete the sentences with simple gerunds or past gerunds with *having* + past participle. Use a past gerund if it is possible to do so.

Martha, who is 20 years older than I am, is one of my best friends. One of the best things that ever happened to me was my _____ having met _____ her long ago
1. (meet)
when I was an unhappy college sophomore. Martha and I have stayed friends. I look forward to _____ her whenever our schedules permit. Our
2. (see)
relationship hasn't always been smooth, though. Martha and I were both in the same calculus class. I was having a lot of difficulty and was angry at myself for _____ in a class I didn't need for my degree. It was too late to
3. (enroll)
drop the class, though. Since I was frustrated, I often complained to the teacher during class. Once, I told her she was unfair for _____ so much difficult
4. (assign)
homework the week before. Martha stopped me one day after class. She said she was tired of my continual _____ with the teacher. "You need to grow up,"
5. (argue)
she said. I was offended at first, but soon I realized that she was right. I had to get rid of my negative attitude. I did need to grow up. In fact, the older I get, the clearer it is to me that her _____ that changed the course of my life. Anyway, a
6. (say)
few days later, I asked Martha if she would mind _____ with me
7. (study)
and _____ me with the homework. She agreed. With a lot of
8. (help)
patient work, I succeeded in _____ the course. Eventually,
9. (pass)
Martha and I became great friends. I will always be thankful for Martha's
_____ me what I needed to hear when I needed to hear it. She
10. (tell)
has certainly made a difference in my life.

EXERCISE 5 ACTIVE AND PASSIVE GERUNDS

GRAMMAR NOTES 6-7 Write questions using the words in parentheses. Write a passive gerund and an active gerund in each sentence.

- (like / awaken / by an alarm clock) (wake up / on your own)
Do you like being awakened by an alarm clock or waking up on your own?
- (prefer / ask / out on a date / by someone) (ask / someone / yourself)

- (more interested in / entertain / yourself) (in / entertain / by others)

- (prefer / cook dinner / yourself) (invite / to dinner / by friends)

- (like / tell / what to do / by others) (give / people / orders)

- (like / figure things out / yourself) (show / how to do things / by others)

- (prefer / give / advice / by friends) (give / your friends / advice)
