

Part VI
Gerunds and Infinitives

A Write **S** if the infinitive is used as a subject, **O** if it is used as an object, or **SC** if it is used as a subject complement.

1. Most people are able to keep fear under control.
2. One of fear's functions is to ensure that people do not live dangerously.
3. To learn about the many faces of fear might be surprising.
4. Everyone will want to listen to "The Dan Webb Show" today.

B. Complete the sentences by writing the appropriate form of the verb (gerund or infinitive) on each line. There may be more than one correct answer.

As we mature, we have no trouble ⁰ understanding (understand) that if someone disappears behind a door, they continue to exist. Babies, on the other hand, have a hard time ¹ _____ (believe) that something exists if they cannot see it. ² _____ (play) peek-a-boo with a baby is one way to help them learn that objects are permanent. Some children also fear discipline. Discipline can be used ³ _____ (help) raise emotionally stable, happy children. However, inconsistent discipline has been found ⁴ _____ (be) confusing to children. Not ⁵ _____ (overdo) discipline and children understand ⁶ _____ (help) understand the reasons behind the discipline by ⁷ _____ (explain) it to them is important. The ⁸ _____ (socialize) of children requires ⁹ _____ (teach) them appropriate ways of expressing strong feelings, including the greatest fear: rejection. It is natural for young children ¹⁰ _____ (hit) or bite when they feel rejected or are angry at other children. However, when children are playing, parents or caregivers should supervise closely enough ¹¹ _____ (monitor) how the children are behaving and be prepared ¹² _____ (teach) them appropriate social behavior. If parents do not do this, they risk their child ¹³ _____ (grow) up to think that such behavior is acceptable. By age five, a child's way of ¹⁴ _____ (deal) with fears maybe unique and their strategies for ¹⁵ _____ (cope) may vary. Although a child's fear may seem irrational to some parents, it is probably normal behavior for the child. Therefore, parents may wish ¹⁶ _____ (practice) patience when dealing with their child's fears.