

Chapter 13: Gerunds and Infinitives

1. Exercise 1. Warm -up: pairwork. (Chart 13-10)

Read the conversation and complete the sentences with the correct words in the list.

Đọc đoạn hội thoại và hoàn thành câu với những từ được cho trong bảng sau:



Strong

Heavy

Strength

PARTNER A: Can you pick up a piano?

PARTNER B: No. It's too _____ for me to pick up. How about you?

Can you pick up a piano?

PARTNER A: No, I'm not _____ enough to pick one up. What about the class? Can we pick up a piano together?

PARTNER B: Maybe. We might have enough _____ to do that as a class.

13-10 Using Infinitives with *Too* and *Enough*

too+ adjective+ (for someone) + infinitive

(a) That box is ***too heavy*** ***to lift.***

(b) A piano is ***too heavy for me*** ***to lift.***

(c) That box is ***too heavy for Bob*** ***to lift.***

enough+ noun+ infinitive

(d) I don't have ***enough money to buy that car.***

(e) Did you have ***enough time to finish the test?***

Infinitives often follow expressions with ***too***.

Too comes in front of an adjective. In the speaker's mind, the use of ***too*** implies a negative result.

*Động từ nguyên mẫu có thường đứng sau cụm diễn đạt đi với ***too***. ***Too*** thường đứng trước tính từ. Khi nói, ***too*** ám chỉ kết quả tiêu cực.*

COMPARE:

*The box is too heavy. I can't lift it.
The box is very heavy, but I can lift it.*

adjective+ enough+ infinitive

Infinitives often follow expressions with ***enough***.

(f) Jimmy isn't **old enough to go** to school.
(g) Are you **hungry enough to eat** three sandwiches?

Enough comes in front of a noun.
Enough follows an adjective.
Động từ nguyên mẫu có to thường đứng sau cụm diễn đạt đi với enough.
Enough đứng trước danh từ.
Enough đứng sau tính từ

2. Exercise 2. Looking at grammar. (Chart 13-10)

Complete the sentences with the given words. Use too or enough + an infinitive.

Hoàn thành các câu sau với những từ cho trước. Sử dụng **too** hoặc **enough** + động từ nguyên mẫu có to.

1. strong/lift I'm not strong enough to lift a refrigerator.

2. weak/lift Most people are too weak to lift a refrigerator without help.

3. busy/answer I was _____ the phone. I let the call go to voice mail.

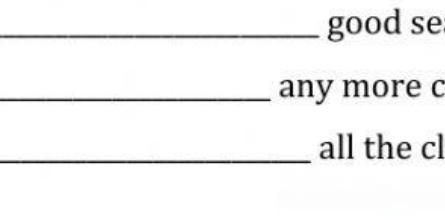
4. early/get I got to the concert _____ good seats.

5. full/hold My suitcase is _____ any more clothes.

6. large/hold My suitcase isn't _____ all the clothes I want to take on my trip.

7. big/get Rex is _____ into the doghouse.

8. big/hold Julie's purse is _____ her dog Pepper.





3. Exercise 3. Looking at grammar. (Chart 13-10)

Combine each pair of sentences.

Kết hợp các cặp câu sau

Part I. Use *too*.

Phần I: sử dụng *too*

1. We can't go swimming today. It's very cold.
→ *It's **too** cold (for us) **to** go swimming today.*
2. I couldn't finish my homework last night. I was very sleepy.
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3. Mike couldn't go to his aunt's housewarming party. He was ve

→

4. This jacket is very small. I can't wear it.

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5. I live far from school. I can't walk there.

→

Part II. Use enough.

Phân II: Sử dụng enough

6. I can't reach the top shelf. I'm not that tall.

→ *I'm not tall enough to reach the top shelf.*

7. I can't move this furniture. I'm not that strong.

→

8. It's not warm today. You can't go outside without a coat.

→

9. I didn't stay home and miss work. I wasn't really sick, but I didn't feel good all day.

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4. Exercise 4. Looking at grammar. (Chapter 13)

Complete each sentence with the gerund or infinitive form of the word in parentheses.

Hoàn thành các câu sau, sử dụng danh động từ hoặc động từ nguyên mẫu có to của động từ trong ngoặc

1. It's difficult for me (remember) to remember phone numbers.

2. My cat is good at (catch) catching mice.

3. I called my friend (invite) _____ her for dinner.

4. Fatima talked about (go) _____ to graduate school.

5. Sarosh found out what was happening by (listen)

_____ carefully to everything that was said.



6. Michelle works 16 hours a day in order (earn) _____ enough money (take) _____ care of her elderly parents and her three children.

7. No matter how wonderful a trip is, it's always good (get) _____ back home and (sleep) _____ in your own bed.

8. I keep (forget) _____ to call my friend Jae. I'd better write myself a note.

9. Exercise is good for you. Why don't you walk up the stairs instead of (use) _____ the elevator?



5. Exercise 5. Listening. (Chapter 13)

Listen to each item and complete the sentences with the words you hear.

Nghe và hoàn thành câu với từ mà em nghe được.

1. My professor goes through the lecture material too quickly. It is difficult for us _____ him. He needs _____ down and _____ us time to understand the key points.

2. _____ others about themselves and their lives is one of the secrets of _____ along with other people. If you want to make and _____ friends, it is important _____ sincerely interested in other people's lives.

3. Large bee colonies have 80,000 workers. These worker bees must visit 50 million flowers _____ one kilogram, or 2.2 pounds, of honey. It's easy _____ why "busy as a bee" is a common expression.



6. Exercise 6. Reading and grammar. (Chapter 13)

Part I. Read the passage.

Uncle Ernesto

Have you ever had an embarrassing experience? My Uncle Ernesto did a few years ago while on a business trip in Norway.

Uncle Ernesto is a businessman from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He manufactures equipment for ships and needs to travel around the world to sell his products. Last year, he went to Norway to meet with a shipping company. While he was there, he found himself in an uncomfortable situation.



Uncle Ernesto was staying at a small hotel in Oslo. One morning, as he was getting ready to take a shower, he heard a knock at the door. He opened it, but no one was there. He stepped into the hallway. He still didn't see anyone, so he turned to go back to his room. Unfortunately, the door was locked. This was a big problem because he didn't have his key and he was wearing only a towel.

Instead of standing in the hallway like this, he decided to get help at the front desk and started walking toward the elevator. He hoped it would be empty, but it wasn't. He took a deep breath and got in. The other people in the elevator were surprised when they saw a man who was wrapped in a towel.

Uncle Ernesto thought about trying to explain his problem, but unfortunately he didn't know Norwegian. He knew a little English, so he said, "Door. Locked. No key." A businessman in the elevator nodded, but he wasn't smiling. Another man looked at Uncle Ernesto and smiled broadly.

The elevator seemed to move very slowly for Uncle Ernesto, but it finally reached the ground floor. He walked straight to the front desk and looked at the hotel manager helplessly. The hotel manager didn't have to understand any language to figure out the problem. He grabbed a key and led my uncle to the nearest elevator.

My uncle is still embarrassed about this incident. But he laughs a lot when he tells the story.

Part II. Check (✓) all the sentences that are grammatically correct.

Phần II. Chọn câu đúng ngữ pháp trong các câu dưới đây

1. a. Uncle Ernesto went to Norway for a business meeting.
b. Uncle Ernesto went to Norway to have a business meeting.
c. Uncle Ernesto went to Norway for having a business meeting.

2. a. Is necessary for him to travel in order to sell his products.

- b. To sell his products, he needs to travel.
- c. In order to sell his products, he needs to travel.

3. a. Instead staying in the hall, he decided to get help.

- b. Instead of staying in the hall, he decided to get help.
- c. Instead to stay in the hall, he decided to get help.

4. a. Uncle Ernesto thought about trying to explain his problem.

- b. Uncle Ernesto considered about trying to explain his problem.
- c. Uncle Ernesto decided not to explain his problem.

5. a. It wasn't difficult for the hotel manager figuring out the problem.

- b. It wasn't difficult for the hotel manager figure out the problem.
- c. It wasn't difficult for the hotel manager to figure out the problem.

7.Exercise 7. Let's write. (Chapter 13)

Read the sample paragraph. Then write a paragraph about one of the most embarrassing experiences you have had in your life. Include some gerunds and infinitives in your writing.

Đọc đoạn văn mẫu sau. Viết đoạn văn ngắn kể về một kỷ niệm xấu hổ mà em có. Sử dụng danh động từ và động từ nguyên mẫu có to.

Example:

My Most Embarrassing Experience

My most embarrassing experience happened at work. One morning, I was in a hurry to get to my office, so I quickly said good-bye to my wife. She knew I was planning to give an important presentation at my firm, so she wished me good luck and kissed me on the cheek. Because traffic was heavy, I got to work a few minutes after the meeting had begun. I quietly walked in and sat down. A few people looked at me strangely, but I thought it was because I was late. During my presentation, I got more stares. I began to think my presentation wasn't very good, but I continued speaking. As soon as my talk was over, I went to the restroom. When I looked in the mirror, it wasn't hard to see the problem. There was smudge of red lipstick on my cheek. I felt pretty embarrassed, but later in the day I started laughing about it and tried not to take myself so seriously.

8. Exercise 8. Check your knowledge. (Chapter 13)

Edit the sentences. Correct the errors in the use of infinitives, gerunds, prepositions, and word order.

Viết lại các câu dưới đây. Sửa lại lỗi sai cách dùng của động từ nguyên mẫu có to, danh động từ, giới từ và trạng tự từ.

1. It is important ~~getting~~ an education.

→ *It is important to get an education.*

2. I went to the bank for cashing a check.

→

3. Did you go to shopping yesterday?

→

4. I cut the rope by a knife.

→

5. I thanked my friend for drive me to the airport.

→

6. Is difficult to learn another language.

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7. Timmy isn't enough old to get married.

→

8. Is easy this exercise to do.

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9. Last night too tired no do my homework.

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10. I've never gone to sailing, but I would like to.

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11. Reading it is one of my hobbies.

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12. The teenagers began to built a campfire to keep themselves warm.

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13. Instead of settle down in one place, I'd like to travel around the world.

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14. I enjoy to travel because you learn so much about other countries and cultures.

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15. My grandmother likes to fishing.

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16. Martina would like to has a big family.

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"It' too late to lock the stable when the horse is stolen" – "Nước đến chân mới nhảy"