


REVIEW THE FOLLOWING TOPICS
14-3 COMMON PREPOSITION COMBINATIONS FOLLOWED BY GERUNDS

be excited be worried	<i>about doing it</i>	keep (someone) prevent (someone) prohibit (someone) stop (someone)	<i>from doing it</i>	insist <i>on doing it</i>
complain dream talk think	<i>about/of doing it</i>	believe be interested participate succeed	<i>in doing it</i>	<i>be accustomed</i> <i>in addition</i> <i>be committed</i> <i>be devoted</i> <i>look forward</i> <i>object</i> <i>be opposed</i> <i>be used</i>
apologize blame (someone) forgive (someone) have an excuse have a reason be responsible thank (someone)	<i>for doing it</i>	be accused be capable for the purpose be guilty instead take advantage take care be tired	<i>of doing it</i>	<i>to doing it</i>

14-5 GO + GERUND

(a) Did you *go shopping*?
 (b) We *went fishing* yesterday.

Go is followed by a gerund in certain idiomatic expressions to express, for the most part, recreational activities.

GO + GERUND

<i>go birdwatching</i>	<i>go fishing*</i>	<i>go sailing</i>	<i>go skinnydipping</i>
<i>go boating</i>	<i>go hiking</i>	<i>go shopping</i>	<i>go sledding</i>
<i>go bowling</i>	<i>go hunting</i>	<i>go sightseeing</i>	<i>go snorkeling</i>
<i>go camping</i>	<i>go jogging</i>	<i>go skating</i>	<i>go swimming</i>
<i>go canoeing/kayaking</i>	<i>go mountain climbing</i>	<i>go skateboarding</i>	<i>go tobogganing</i>
<i>go dancing</i>	<i>go running</i>	<i>go skiing</i>	<i>go window shopping</i>

*Also, in British English: *go angling*

step 2

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

EXERCISE 2. Using gerunds as the objects of prepositions. (Charts 14-2 and 14-3)

Directions: Using the words in parentheses, complete the sentences.

1. Kostas went to bed instead of finishing his work. (finish)
2. I thanked my friend for lending me his book. (lend)
3. I'm excited about going to the beach. (go)
4. I'm not accustomed to living in a big city. (live)
5. Omar didn't feel good. He complained about having a headache. (have)
6. I don't blame you for wanting to leave. (want, not)
7. I have a good reason for being late. (be)
8. It's getting late. I'm worried about missing the bus. (miss)
9. I'm interested in finding out about the new job. (find out about)
10. I'm thinking about going to the beach. (go)
11. I apologized to my friend for being late. (be)
12. I am/am not used to driving a car. (drive)
13. Nothing can stop me from going to the beach. (go)
14. In that office, who is responsible for taking care of the plants. (take care of)
15. I look forward to going to the beach. (go)
16. The thief was guilty of stealing the car. (steal)
17. Sonya has two jobs. In addition to working part-time, she is a student. (work)
18. Please forgive me for not writing the email. (write, not)
19. Sarah is an honest person. She's not capable of telling the truth. (tell)
20. Ill health keeps my grandfather from traveling. (travel)

14-9 REFERENCE LIST OF VERBS FOLLOWED BY GERUNDS

Verbs with a bullet (•) can also be followed by infinitives. See Chart 14-10.

1. <i>admit</i>	He <i>admitted stealing</i> the money.
2. <i>advise</i> •	She <i>advised waiting</i> until tomorrow.
3. <i>anticipate</i>	I <i>anticipate having</i> a good time on vacation.
4. <i>appreciate</i>	I <i>appreciated hearing</i> from them.
5. <i>avoid</i>	He <i>avoided answering</i> my question.
6. <i>can't bear</i>	I <i>can't bear waiting</i> in long lines.
7. <i>begin</i> •	It <i>began raining</i> .
8. <i>complete</i>	I <i>finally completed writing</i> my term paper.
9. <i>consider</i>	I <i>will consider going</i> with you.
10. <i>continue</i> •	He <i>continued speaking</i> .
11. <i>delay</i>	He <i>delayed leaving</i> for school.
12. <i>deny</i>	She <i>denied committing</i> the crime.
13. <i>discuss</i>	They <i>discussed opening</i> a new business.
14. <i>dislike</i>	I <i>dislike driving</i> long distances.
15. <i>enjoy</i>	We <i>enjoyed visiting</i> them.
16. <i>finish</i>	She <i>finished studying</i> about ten.
17. <i>forget</i> •	I'll <i>never forget visiting</i> Napoleon's tomb.
18. <i>hate</i> •	I <i>hate making</i> silly mistakes.
19. <i>can't help</i>	I <i>can't help worrying</i> about it.
20. <i>keep</i>	I <i>keep hoping</i> he will come.
21. <i>like</i> •	I <i>like going</i> to movies.
22. <i>love</i> •	I <i>love going</i> to operas.
23. <i>mention</i>	She <i>mentioned going</i> to a movie.
24. <i>mind</i>	Would you <i>mind helping</i> me with this?
25. <i>miss</i>	I <i>miss being</i> with my family.
26. <i>postpone</i>	Let's <i>postpone leaving</i> until tomorrow.
27. <i>practice</i>	The athlete <i>practiced throwing</i> the ball.
28. <i>prefer</i> •	Ann <i>prefers walking</i> to driving to work.
29. <i>quit</i>	He <i>quit trying</i> to solve the problem.
30. <i>recall</i>	I <i>don't recall meeting</i> him before.
31. <i>recollect</i>	I <i>don't recollect meeting</i> him before.
32. <i>recommend</i>	She <i>recommended seeing</i> the show.
33. <i>regret</i> •	I <i>regret telling</i> him my secret.
34. <i>remember</i> •	I <i>can remember meeting</i> him when I was a child.
35. <i>resent</i>	I <i>resent her interfering</i> in my business.
36. <i>resist</i>	I <i>couldn't resist eating</i> the dessert.
37. <i>risk</i>	She <i>risks losing</i> all of her money.
38. <i>can't stand</i> •	I <i>can't stand waiting</i> in long lines.
39. <i>start</i> •	It <i>started raining</i> .
40. <i>stop</i>	She <i>stopped going</i> to classes when she got sick.
41. <i>suggest</i>	She <i>suggested going</i> to a movie.
42. <i>tolerate</i>	She <i>won't tolerate cheating</i> during an examination.
43. <i>try</i> •	I <i>tried changing</i> the light bulb, but the lamp still didn't work.
44. <i>understand</i>	I <i>don't understand his leaving</i> school.

14-10 REFERENCE LIST OF VERBS FOLLOWED BY INFINITIVES

Verbs with a bullet (•) can also be followed by gerunds. See Chart 14-9.

A. VERBS FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY AN INFINITIVE

1. afford	I <i>can't afford to buy it.</i>	24. <i>love*</i>	I <i>love to go to operas.</i>
2. agree	They <i>agreed to help us.</i>	25. <i>manage</i>	She <i>managed to finish her work early.</i>
3. appear	She <i>appears to be tired.</i>	26. <i>mean</i>	I <i>didn't mean to hurt your feelings.</i>
4. arrange	I'll <i>arrange to meet you at the airport.</i>	27. <i>need</i>	I <i>need to have your opinion.</i>
5. ask	He <i>asked to come with us.</i>	28. <i>offer</i>	They <i>offered to help us.</i>
6. can't bear*	I <i>can't bear to wait in long lines.</i>	29. <i>plan</i>	I <i>am planning to have a party.</i>
7. beg	He <i>begged to come with us.</i>	30. <i>prefer*</i>	Ann <i>prefers to walk to work.</i>
8. begin*	It <i>began to rain.</i>	31. <i>prepare</i>	We <i>prepared to welcome them.</i>
9. care	I <i>don't care to see that show.</i>	32. <i>pretend</i>	He <i>pretends not to understand.</i>
10. claim	She <i>claims to know a famous movie star.</i>	33. <i>promise</i>	I <i>promise not to be late.</i>
11. consent	She finally <i>consented to marry him.</i>	34. <i>refuse</i>	I <i>refuse to believe his story.</i>
12. continue*	He <i>continued to speak.</i>	35. <i>regret*</i>	I <i>regret to tell you that you failed.</i>
13. decide	I <i>have decided to leave on Monday.</i>	36. <i>remember</i>	I <i>remembered to lock the door.</i>
14. demand	I <i>demand to know who is responsible.</i>	37. <i>seem</i>	That cat <i>seems to be friendly.</i>
15. deserve	She <i>deserves to win the prize.</i>	38. <i>can't stand*</i>	I <i>can't stand to wait in long lines.</i>
16. expect	I <i>expect to enter graduate school in the fall.</i>	39. <i>start</i>	It <i>started to rain.</i>
17. fail	She <i>failed to return the book to the library on time.</i>	40. <i>struggle</i>	I <i>struggled to stay awake.</i>
18. forget*	I <i>forgot to mail the letter.</i>	41. <i>swear</i>	She <i>swore to tell the truth.</i>
19. hate*	I <i>hate to make silly mistakes.</i>	42. <i>threaten</i>	She <i>threatened to tell my parents.</i>
20. hesitate	Don't <i>hesitate to ask for my help.</i>	43. <i>try*</i>	I'm <i>trying to learn English.</i>
21. hope	Jack <i>hopes to arrive next week.</i>	44. <i>volunteer</i>	He <i>volunteered to help us.</i>
22. learn	He <i>learned to play the piano.</i>	45. <i>wait</i>	I <i>will wait to hear from you.</i>
23. like*	I <i>like to go to the movies.</i>	46. <i>want</i>	I <i>want to tell you something.</i>
		47. <i>wish</i>	She <i>wishes to come with us.</i>

B. VERBS FOLLOWED BY A (PRO)NOUN + AN INFINITIVE

48. <i>advise</i>	She <i>advised me to wait until tomorrow.</i>	61. <i>instruct</i>	He <i>instructed them to be careful.</i>
49. <i>allow</i>	She <i>allowed me to use her car.</i>	62. <i>invite</i>	Harry <i>invited the Johnsons to come to his party.</i>
50. <i>ask</i>	I <i>asked John to help us.</i>	63. <i>need</i>	We <i>needed Chris to help us figure out the solution.</i>
51. <i>beg</i>	They <i>begged us to come.</i>	64. <i>order</i>	The judge <i>ordered me to pay a fine.</i>
52. <i>cause</i>	Her laziness <i>caused her to fail.</i>	65. <i>permit</i>	He <i>permitted the children to stay up late.</i>
53. <i>challenge</i>	She <i>challenged me to race her to the corner.</i>	66. <i>persuade</i>	I <i>persuaded him to come for a visit.</i>
54. <i>convince</i>	I couldn't <i>convince him to accept our help.</i>	67. <i>remind</i>	She <i>reminded me to lock the door.</i>
55. <i>dare</i>	He <i>dared me to do better than he had done.</i>	68. <i>require</i>	Our teacher <i>requires us to be on time.</i>
56. <i>encourage</i>	He <i>encouraged me to try again.</i>	69. <i>teach</i>	My brother <i>taught me to swim.</i>
57. <i>expect</i>	I <i>expect you to be on time.</i>	70. <i>tell</i>	The doctor <i>told me to take these pills.</i>
58. <i>forbid</i>	I <i>forbid you to tell him.</i>	71. <i>urge</i>	I <i>urged her to apply for the job.</i>
59. <i>force</i>	They <i>forced him to tell the truth.</i>	72. <i>want</i>	I <i>want you to be happy.</i>
60. <i>hire</i>	She <i>hired a boy to mow the lawn.</i>	73. <i>warn</i>	I <i>warned you not to drive too fast.</i>

EXERCISE 21. Gerund vs. Infinitive. (Charts 14-9 and 14-10)

Directions: Complete the sentences with the correct form, gerund or infinitive, of the words in parentheses.

1. Hassan volunteered (*bring*) _____ some food to the reception.
2. The students practiced (*pronounce*) _____ the “th” sound in the phrase “these thirty-three dirty trees.”
3. In the fairy tale, the wolf threatened (*eat*) _____ a girl named Little Red Riding Hood.
4. Susic! How many times do I have to remind you (*hang up*) _____ your coat when you get home from school?
5. The horses struggled (*pull*) _____ the wagon out of the mud.
6. Anita demanded (*know*) _____ why she had been fired.
7. My skin can’t tolerate (*be*) _____ in the sun all day. I get sunburned easily.
8. I avoided (*tell*) _____. Mary the truth because I knew she would be angry.
9. Fred Washington claims (*be*) _____ a descendant of George Washington.
10. Mr. Kwan broke the antique vase. I’m sure he didn’t mean (*do*) _____. it.
11. I urged Omar (*return*) _____ to school and (*finish*) _____ his education.
12. Mrs. Freeman can’t help (*worry*) _____ about her children.
13. Children, I forbid you (*play*) _____ in the street. There’s too much traffic.
14. My little cousin is a blabbermouth! He can’t resist (*tell*) _____ everyone my secrets!
15. I appreciate your (*take*) _____ the time to help me.
16. I can’t afford (*buy*) _____ a new car.
17. Kim managed (*change*) _____ my mind.
18. I think Sam deserves (*have*) _____ another chance.

EXERCISE 15. Gerund vs. infinitive. (Chart 14-8)

Directions: Complete the sentences with the correct form(s) of the verbs in parentheses.

1. I like (*go*) to go / going to the zoo.
2. The play wasn't very good. The audience started (*leave*) _____ before it was over.
3. After a brief interruption, the professor continued (*lecture*) _____.
4. The children love (*swim*) _____ in the ocean.
5. I hate (*see*) _____ any living being suffer. I can't bear it.
6. I'm afraid of flying. When a plane begins (*move*) _____ down the runway, my heart starts (*race*) _____. Oh-oh! The plane is beginning (*move*) _____, and my heart is starting (*race*) _____.
7. When I travel, I prefer (*drive*) _____ to (*take*) _____ a plane.
8. I prefer (*drive*) _____ rather than (*take*) _____ a plane.
9. I always remember (*turn*) _____ off all the lights before I leave my house.
10. I can remember (*be*) _____ very proud and happy when I graduated.
11. Did you remember (*give*) _____ Jake my message?
12. I remember (*play*) _____ with dolls when I was a child.
13. What do you remember (*do*) _____ when you were a child?
14. What do you remember (*do*) _____ before you leave for class every day?
15. What did you forget (*do*) _____ before you left for class this morning?
16. I'll never forget (*carry*) _____ my wife over the threshold when we moved into our first home.
17. I can't ever forget (*watch*) _____ our team score the winning goal in the last seconds of the championship game.

18. Don't forget (*do*) _____ your homework tonight!

19. I regret (*inform*) _____ you that your loan application has not been approved.

20. I regret (*listen, not*) _____ to my father's advice. He was right.

21. When a student asks a question, the teacher always tries (*explain*) _____ the problem as clearly as possible.

22. I tried everything, but the baby still wouldn't stop crying. I tried (*hold*) _____ him, but that didn't help. I tried (*feed*) _____ him, but he refused the food and continued to cry. I tried (*burp*) _____ him. I tried (*change*) _____ his diapers. Nothing worked. The baby wouldn't stop crying.

