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Gerunds as subjects and objects

A Complete the sentences. Use the gerund form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. _____ (be popular) was important to me when I was younger.
2. I dreamed about _____ (have a lot of friends).
3. _____ (get along with people) is easy for me.
4. _____ (not treat others badly) is my life goal now.
5. _____ (try to be kind) is more important to me.
6. I think I should think about others before _____ (think about myself).
7. I enjoy _____ (do nice things) for others.
8. For example, I enjoy _____ (donate my time) at homeless shelters.

B Rewrite the sentences. Begin with a gerund.

Ex. It is wonderful to make friends with your classmates.

Making friends with your classmates is wonderful.

1. It is fun to spend time with friends after class.

2. It's hard to work in pairs with people you don't know well.

3. It bothers me to work with someone I don't know.

4. It's helpful to ask each other questions about the new grammar.

5. It doesn't bother me to sometimes make grammar mistakes.

6. It's a good idea to learn from my mistakes.

7. It takes a lot of work to get good at a new language.

8. It's necessary to study almost every day.

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Past form of *be + going to* for past intentions

A Match the beginning and ending of the sentences. Write the correct letters.

___ 1. Ron was going to buy an apple,	a. but he bought a banana instead.
___ 2. They were going to buy a house,	b. but they decided to stay in a hotel.
___ 3. You said you were going to call me,	c. but the bus was cheaper.
___ 4. We were going to go home at 5:00,	d. but Jeremy invited me to go get Thai food with him.
___ 5. Mario was going to study biology,	e. but we were having too much fun to leave.
___ 6. They were going to stay at our house,	f. but I never heard from you.
___ 7. Maria was going to take her car,	g. but they spent their money travelling across Asia.
___ 8. I was going to make dinner,	h. but he decided to study chemistry instead.

B Complete the conversations. Use *be + going to* and the verbs in parentheses.

- A: Why weren't you at the game last night? We _____ you, but no one had your phone number.
 (1. call)
 B: Sorry about that. I _____ but my daughter got sick so I stayed home with her.
 A: That's too bad. How's she feeling?
 B: She's doing fine. Thanks for asking.
- A: Did you hear what happened to Marta? She _____ to Spain, but now she's moving to France.
 (3. move)
 B: What happened?
 A: Well, her company _____ her, but they chose another candidate.
 (4. promote)
 B: That's disappointing, but France is cool, too.
 A: That's true, but she and a friend _____ together in Madrid. They already had an apartment.
 (5. live)
 B: That's terrible. Companies shouldn't change their minds like that.
- A: Hey, what are you hiding? What's in that box?
 B: Well... I _____ it to you until our anniversary, but surprise! I bought you a necklace.
 (6. not give)
 B: Aw, it's beautiful. Thank you so much.
- A: Are you still studying? I thought your paper was due yesterday.
 B: Yeah, and I _____ on time, but I had some computer problems.
 (7. finish)
 A: So, did you email your professor?
 B: Yeah, she said I could turn it in two days late. She _____ it until this weekend anyway.
 (8. not read)

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Prepositions of time

A Complete the story with the prepositions of time in the box.

at before during for from since to until

Ever _____ (1.) I was 15 years old, I've enjoyed running. All _____ (2.) high school and college, I was on the track and field team, so I ran a lot with my team _____ (3.) September _____ (4.) May. But even then I would also run by myself a lot. These days, I don't run on a team, but I still enjoy running. I like to go out _____ (5.) work, usually _____ (6.) exactly 6:00 a.m. I'll run _____ (7.) 30-40 minutes, then go home, shower, and have something to eat. Running relaxes me, so I don't think I'll ever stop. I hope I'm running _____ (8.) I'm 70 or 80 years old.

B Circle the correct prepositions of time.

1. I went to college *until / after* I finished high school.
2. I moved into the dormitory a few days *on / before* my first day of college.
3. I studied a lot *during / at* the week.
4. I liked to go to football games *on / by* the weekends.
5. Sometimes I went to parties that didn't end *during / until* early in the morning.
6. *During / On* my first year, I decided to major in journalism.
7. *In / Between* the summer, I worked for my hometown newspaper.
8. I got good grades and was lucky. I got hired to be a reporter *before / since* I graduated.