

VERB PATTERNS 4

GERUND & INFINITIVES WITH NOUNS, NOUN PHRASES, PREPOSITIONS AND ADJECTIVES

Task One. Read the text and choose the correct option.

Workplace Challenges

Starting a new job can be exciting, but many people feel pressure on their first day. One common challenge is the need (1) _____ (learn) company procedures quickly. New employees are often surprised by how difficult (2) _____ (remember) all the rules can be at the beginning.

Most companies encourage workers to take part in training sessions designed (3) _____ (help) them improve their skills. However, some staff feel nervous about (4) _____ (speak) in front of others, especially when they don't want (5) _____ (make) mistakes. It's completely normal to feel shy at first.

There is also the question of how much support you will receive from your colleagues. Many people value the chance (6) _____ (ask) questions freely, while others prefer guidance from colleagues. Before starting any new position, it's wise (7) _____ (consider) your own preferences for (8) _____ (communicate) and your personal goals for (9) _____ (grow) in your career.

Finally, employers appreciate workers who are willing (10) _____ (take) initiative and who are open to (11) _____ (learn) from feedback. Developing these habits can make it easier (12) _____ (succeed) in any workplace.

Task Two. Complete the second sentence so that It has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

1. We had the opportunity to meet the director yesterday.

CHANCE

We had the _____ the director yesterday.

2. They aren't allowed to work from home.

PERMISSION

They don't have _____ from home.

3. He apologized for being late.

SORRY

He said he was _____ late.

4. We were shocked to hear about the contract change.

SURPRISE

It came as a _____ the contract change.

