

Exercise 3.2 More Gerunds as Objects of Prepositions

A Complete the presentation on grants. Use the correct prepositions for the verbs in bold and the gerund form of the verbs in parentheses.

I know many of you are **excited** about starting ⁽¹⁾ (start) college soon. Also, many of you are **worried** _____ ⁽²⁾ (pay) for school. I'm sure you have been **warned** _____ ⁽³⁾ (take) out a lot of big loans. You have heard some people **complain** _____ ⁽⁴⁾ (owe) money for the rest of their lives.

Well, today, I'm going to **talk** _____ ⁽⁵⁾ (apply) for three grants. Grants aren't loans. You aren't **responsible** _____ ⁽⁶⁾ (pay) them back.

The first type is the Pell Grant. The Pell Grant is for students who are going to college at least part-time and need financial aid. If you're **interested** _____ ⁽⁷⁾ (ask) for a Pell Grant, **insist** _____ ⁽⁸⁾ (talk) with a guidance counselor to find out more about this program.

Are any of you **planning** _____ ⁽⁹⁾ (major) in the areas of science or mathematics? Then you might be **interested** _____ ⁽¹⁰⁾ (try) for the National Smart Grant. **Forget** _____ ⁽¹¹⁾ (get) this grant unless you have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in your first two years of college.

Finally, I know some of you are **dreaming** _____ ⁽¹²⁾ (become) teachers. The TEACH Grant is for students who **plan** _____ ⁽¹³⁾ (teach) at least four years in a low-income public or private school after graduation.

Now, are there any questions?

B Read about each person's situation and complete the advice. Use the words in parentheses with the correct preposition and the gerund form of the verbs.

- 1 Chelsea wants to be an engineer, but she doesn't have a 3.0 GPA. She should not depend on getting (depend/get) a National Smart Grant.
- 2 Michael has completed two years of community college, but he doesn't have enough money to go to a four-year college. He should not _____ (be afraid/apply for) a Pell Grant.
- 3 Alison got a TEACH Grant, but she quit her teaching job after two years and got a high-paying job in computers instead. She must not _____ (be worried/pay) back her loan.
- 4 Brandon goes to the community college, but he spends time partying and has a low GPA. He must not _____ (be interested/study).
- 5 Jorge got a TEACH Grant, taught for several years, and now is the head teacher at a private school. He must _____ (be successful/teach).
- 6 Sharon wants to major in computer science and get a National Smart Grant, but so far, her grades aren't that good. She should _____ (concentrate/improve) her grades.
- 7 Rob's family can't help him pay for college, and he needs financial aid. He can probably _____ (depend/receive) a Pell Grant.