Unit 06

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Functions Of Gerunds

1. Functions

2. Verbs followed by a gerunds

3. Common expressions followed by a gerund

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HOMEWORK

Exercise 1. Choose the correct answer

1. I can't afford (to pay/paying) for the car.
2. I couldn't sleep so I tried (drink/drinking) some hot milk.
3. She tried (to reach/reaching) the book on the high shelf but she was too small.
4. They tried (to get/getting) to the party on time but the bus was delayed.
5. You should stop (to smoke/smoking) , it's not good for your health.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer.

1. He decided to give up _____ after that experience.

A. gamble C. gambling

B. to gamble D. to gambling

2. Despite the early problems of _____ the project, the construction on the new stadium is currently ahead of schedule and on budget.

A. fund C. to fund

B. funds D. funding

3. If there is any money remaining in the budget in December, we recommend _____ some additional office furniture

A. purchase C. to purchase

B. purchased D. purchasing

4. _____ a loan will allow the bank to collect interest

A. Providing C. Provided

B. Provide D. Provision

5. Department heads distributed a memo reminding employees to refrain from _____ their cellphones during company meetings

A. to use C. uses

B. using D. use

6. It would be wise of you to consider _____ with your firm, as the job market is tough right now

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A. renegotiate
C. to renegotiate
B. renegotiated
D. renegotiating

7. By _____ paperwork, the Stamford Compnay is able to more efficiently accomplish routine tasks

A. reduce
C. reducing
B. reduced
D. reduction

8. Mr. Gray looks forward to _____ out more about investment opportunities with your growing company

A. find
C. have found
B. finding
D. be found

9. Although the employees are satisfied with the training program, they object to _____ to travel an hour each way to get to the training center and back

A. have
C. had
B. has
D. having

10. Environmental activists encourage people to recycle food waste instead of _____ of it with the general trash

A. disposed
C. disposal
B. disposing
D. to dispose

11. Because of the economic recession, many small businesses are having difficulty _____ their budget

A. manage
C. to manage
B. managing
D. management

Exercise 3. Choose the correct answer.

American Waste Services Inc., of Nashville, ...(1).....Patrick Mac and Nelly Peters,

1.

A. is sue
B. is suing
C. is issued
D. has been sued

both of Nashville, for $ 100,000.

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The plaintiff claims that on March 9, 1999, one of the defendants .....(2).....

2.

A. post

B. posted

C. have posted

D. are posted

a malicious message on the Internet message board of their competitor, Brown-Ferris Industries Inc. Written under the alias of Roger Pipes, the message called the plaintiff a "cheap" and "messed-up" company, and .....(3).....that AWS equipment is not in

3.

A. allege

B. alleged

C. alleging

D. to allege

proper working order, with half its front-load fleet failing to meet provincial standards.

Exercise 4. Choose the correct answer.

Press Release

As part of an integrated transit strategy for the city of Thompson and neighboring towns, Metro-Linx is set to launch the Dunbar-Peterson Express. The existing transit infrastructure was deemed unable to support the projected future growth in the region. As a result, regional councils committed to partnered integration of all modes of transportation in order to deliver the required mobility solution. — [1] —

The new express line will provide a high-quality rail service connecting Dunbar Subway Station in the downtown area directly to Terminal A at Peterson International Airport. This will address the current lack of airport transportation options and improve the quality of life for residents by lessening downtown congestion and fueling economic prosperity. Projections indicate that within the first year of operation, the Dunbar-Peterson Express will eliminate at least 500,000 vehicle journeys to and from the airport. — [2] —

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As a further step toward greater coordination and integration of transportation in the region, Metro-Linx has contracted the software development company PlexTex Technologies to develop the GOCARD ticketless transportation system.

— [3] — This card, and the accompanying turnstile technology, will allow commuters to travel between multiple transit systems (subway, bus, and train) within the region using a single card. — [4] — The GOCARD will only be operational within the Metro-Linx regional network of Thompson, Carrville, Bailey City, and Harden Township.

164. Why was the article written?

A. To describe plans to build a new expressway

B. To detail a merger between two transportation firms

C. To announce the addition of a new rail line

D. To outline improvements to a bus service in Thompson

165. What benefit of the change is mentioned?

A. Cheaper travel fares

B. Increased comfort

C. Reduced traffic

D. Improved communication

166. What was PlexTex Technologies asked to do?

A. Conduct market research

B. Design a ticket vending machine

C. Update a Web site

D. Create a travel card system

167. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"GOCARD is a smart card to which users can add money and use on various forms of transportation."

A. [1]

B. [2]

C. [3]

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D. [4]

Exercise 5. Choose the correct answer.

Manningtree to Restore Chromeburry Hall

By Richard Evert

While many marvel at the modern and the new, residents of Manningtree find beauty in all things classical. This explains why this small town in England is now engaging in a massive effort to restore the glory of its vintage structures. A team of local architects, called the Green Construction Society (GCS), is in partnership with the local government to reconstruct historical buildings in the area. After successfully restoring the Arc Cathedral and other buildings last year, the society is now preparing to refurbish Chromeburry Hall. "Last year's project inspired us to work on the music hall," GCS President Samuel Morse said. "We can't wait to start working again." Chromeburry Hall, a 300-year-old concert hall located on Courtney Street, used to be a popular venue for operas and orchestra shows until the 1930s. During that time, the walls and ceilings of the building had started to deteriorate, making it unsafe for use. Since it was more expensive to restore the music hall than build a new venue, the government decided to close the building and construct the Atlas Theater.

The GCS and the government hope to turn the abandoned structure into a music museum. However, Morse said much work has yet to be done, and the society is in need of more volunteers.

"Any form of help would go a long way," Morse said. "We hope our fellow citizens will join us in this endeavor." Residents interested in volunteer work may log on to the society's Website, www.gcsociety.com, to learn more about the project

159. What is the main topic of the article?

A. An orchestra's performance

B. A community project

C. The reopening of a museum

D. An old music school

160. What does the Green Construction Society plan to do?

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A. Give a tour of the Arc Cathedral

B. Establish a partnership with the government

C. Begin some restoration work

D. Build a new tourist destination in Manningtree

161. What is implied about the Chromeburry Hall?

A. It was built by a Green Construction Society member.

B. It underwent a major repair last year.

C. It was transformed into a museum in the 1930s.

D. It was frequently used for musical performances.

Exercise 6. Choose the correct answer.

Software manufacturer Compitec responds to consumer feedback

By Dwayne Cherry

April 5—At a press conference held yesterday afternoon, Compitec's research and development director, Steve Reynolds, announced that the company is to make sweeping changes to its word-processing software in light of negative customer feedback. Compitec released its latest version of the software, TypePro version 8.0, in January this year, hoping to gain a larger market share before rival company Digicom releases its product this July. — [1] —

According to reports, one of the fundamental concerns raised by users of the software was the lack of formatting options provided. Users reported that they were also frustrated by the limited number of font choices available, as well as their inability to change the size of the text. Many customers also reported not being able to insert pictures or other graphics into documents. — [2] — Finally, over 500 users took to Compitec's Web site to express their disgust with printing problems. For example, printouts often appear in a completely different format from what was displayed on-screen.

Reynolds said that developers are working "around the clock" to improve the 8.0 software. The company hopes version 8.01 will address all the issues that plagued version 8.0. — [3] — To do so, Director of Commercial Operations, Susan Torpey, also announced that all

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existing customers who have already purchased version 8.0 would receive a free copy of the updated product as a "token of goodwill." — [4] — However, it remains to be seen whether this gesture can repair the damage done to the company's reputation in the eyes of the public.

172. Who announced the change to the press?

A. The CEO of Compitec

B. Compitec's head of R&D

C. The PR director of Digicom

D. Compitec's lead product designer

173. What kind of change will the company likely introduce?

A. Enhanced video editing capabilities

B. Sharper screen resolution

C. Improved formatting functionality

D. Simplified user interfaces

174. What is NOT a problem reported about TypePro version 8.0?

A. Errors in printed documents

B. Difficulty in resizing graphics

C. An inadequate variety of fonts

D. Inability to adjust font size

175. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong? "Unfortunately, however, the move seems to have backfired on Cornpitec so far."

A. [1]

B. [2]

C. [3]

D. [4]

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