

Gerunds – Infinitives

TASK A. Complete each sentence with the correct gerund.

When Beth got tired, she stopped WORKING.

1. Would you mind _____ the door? Thanks.
2. The weather will get better soon. We can leave as soon as it quits _____.
3. The police officer told him to stop, but the thief kept _____.
4. Tony mentioned _____ the bus to school instead of walking.
5. Where are you considering _____ for vacation?
6. He told a really funny joke. We couldn't stop _____!
7. He barely avoided _____ another car at the intersection of 4th and Elm.
8. I appreciate _____ able to study in peace and quiet.

RAIN
WORK
OPEN
LAUGH
RUN
TAKE
GO
HIT
TO BE

VERBS FOLLOWED BY A PREPOSITION AND A GERUND		
admit to	depend on	plan on
approve of	disapprove of	prevent () from
argue about	discourage from	refrain from
believe in	dream about	succeed in
care about	feel like	talk about
complain about	forget about	think about
concentrate on	insist on	worry about
confess to	object to	

TASK B. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate preposition. Be careful, some of them are wrong and some must be used more than once.

IN ABOUT OF FOR TO ON WITH OVER UP

Alice is interested IN (look) LOOKING for a new job.

1. Henry is excited _____ (leave) _____ for India.
2. You are capable _____ (do) _____ better work.
3. I have no excuse _____ (be) _____ late.
4. You should take advantage _____ (live) _____ here.
5. Fátima had a good reason _____ (go, not) _____ to class.
6. Thank you _____ (help) _____ me carry my suitcases.
7. I believe _____ (be) _____ honest at all times.
8. Instead _____ (study) _____, Ana went to a ball game.
9. Mister Javi insisted _____ (know) _____ the whole truth.

TASK C. Use a gerund or infinitive to complete each sentence. Choose one verb form the box:

We're going out for dinner. Would you like JOIN us?

Jack avoided LOOKING AT me.

1. Fred didn't have any money, so he decided _____ a job.

- The teacher reminded the students _____ their assignments.
- Do you enjoy _____ soccer?
- I was broke, so Jenny offered _____ me a little money.
- Would you mind _____ the window please?
- I don't mind _____ alone.
- My boss expects me _____ this work for Sunday.
- The teacher seems _____ in a good mood today.

PLAY
WAIT
FINISH
JOIN
GET
LEND
TO BE
DO
CLOSE
LOOK AT

TASK E. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parenthesis.

- I like (*go*) _____ to the zoo.
- I'm getting tired. I need (*take*) _____ a break.
- The children love (*swim*) _____ in the ocean.
- I hate (*see*) _____ people suffer.
- I remember (*be*) _____ very proud and happy when I graduated.
- What do you remember (*do*) _____ when you were a child?
- Did Carol agree (*go*) _____ (*camp*) _____ with you?
- What did you forget (*do*) _____ before you left for class this morning?
- Mary reminded me (*be, not*) _____ late for the meeting.
- Most children prefer (*watch*) _____ television to (*listen*) _____ to the radio.

VERBS FOLLOWED BY A GERUND				
admit	delay	finish	permit	resist
advise	deny	forbid	postpone	resume
appreciate	detest	get through	practice	risk
avoid	dislike	have	quit	spend
can't help	enjoy	imagine	recall	suggest
complete	escape	mind	report	tolerate
consider	excuse	miss	resent	waste

TASK F. Find and correct the errors.

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- Most students want return home as soon as possible.

- I asked my roommate to let me to use his shoe polish.

- We're looking forward to go swimming.

- I would appreciate having heard from you soon.

- She enjoyed to talk to her on the phone.

- Sky in the Alps was a big thrill for me.

- When I entered the room, I found my young son stand on the kitchen table.

- Please promise not telling anybody my secret.

- Maria has never complained about have a handicap.

VERBS FOLLOWED BY AN INFINITIVE		
agree	fail	prepare
aim	forget	proceed
appear	get	promise
arrange	happen	propose
ask	have	refuse
attempt	hesitate	remember
be able	hope	say
beg	hurry	shoot
begin	intend	start
care	leap	stop
choose	leave	strive
condescend	like	swear
consent	long	threaten
continue	love	try
dare	mean	use
decide	neglect	wait
deserve	offer	want
detest	ought	wish
dislike	plan	
expect	prefer	