

## Gerunds: After Prepositions

Gerunds are frequently used after prepositions, as the object of the preposition.

- Gerunds can follow just a preposition as in:

*Before **calling** her mother, Marie checked the details of her flight arrival time.*

- Or they can follow a verb and a preposition:

*The board approved of **hiring** Michael J. Fox as the company spokesperson.*

- Or they can follow an adjective and a preposition:

*The child was afraid of **being** alone in the dark.*

*Complete the following sentences with a GERUND and any other information required.*

1. We are in favour of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They are opposed to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am really tired of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. After \_\_\_\_\_, the basket ball team went out to celebrate.
5. Besides \_\_\_\_\_, the family also went to the beach.
6. I object to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. While \_\_\_\_\_, we visited three museums and an art gallery.
8. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_, the students had a party.
9. The criminal was found guilty of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The judge agreed with \_\_\_\_\_.
11. In addition to \_\_\_\_\_, we studied Chinese.
12. The city council was against \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Without \_\_\_\_\_, we cannot win the competition.