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| **Gerunds and Infinitives: Gerunds as Prepositional Objects** |
| **Gerunds** can be used following prepositions. Common combinations of **VERB + PREPOSITION + GERUND** are as follows: think about practice in intention of apologise for insist on succeed in afraid of responsible for keep on interested in tired of look forward to |

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| *Complete the following sentences using an appropriate VERB + PREPOSITION + GERUND. More than one answer may be possible with some sentences, but the meanings are different.* |

1. If you work hard, you will\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ becoming a doctor.

2. She is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camping in the National Park next September.

3. He is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going up the ladder because he is scared of heights.

4. The guests \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ruining the evening by showing up 3 hours late.

5. Since he finished his summer job he has been\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to law school.

6. The accountant is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ updating all financial records.

7. Everyone needs more\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writing essays.

8. She had no\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ telling the bouncer her real age.

9. Are you\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ watching television? It can be boring when all you find are reruns.

10. He\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ buying her a new dress after he spilt red wine all over the white one she was wearing.

11. They were all\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ learning more about different cultures.

12. If you\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exercising like you have for the past three months, you will be in good enough shape to join the soccer team.