

## Gerunds and Infinitives: Gerunds as Propositional 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

*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.