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Basics. Prepositions and Gerunds: Afraid of Doing

Medium | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | Adjective | Gerund | Preposition | Verb | Collocations

1. Complete the pet sitter's text message to the dog's owner. Select ALL the phrases that correctly complete the sentence.

Buster is hiding under the bed because he is afraid _____!

Select all that apply.

A) of taking a bath
B) of getting wet
C) to taking a bath
D) of get wet
E) of to get wet

2. Complete the ghost academy instructor's report by dragging the correct words into the blanks.

Casper is a terrible ghost because he is afraid _____ _____ people.

He is much more interested _____ _____ chocolate chip cookies than haunting houses.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) of
B) with
C) by

Blank 2
A) scaring
B) scare
C) scared

Blank 3
A) in
B) on
C) at

Blank 4
A) baking
B) bake
C) bakes

3. Review the ghost academy's report card for a very unsuccessful phantom. Select ALL the sentences that use correct grammar.

Select all that apply.

A) Oliver the ghost is afraid of scaring people.
B) He is frightened of making loud noises.
C) Oliver is afraid of to scare people.
D) He is frightened of make loud noises.
E) Oliver is afraid of scare people.

4. Help the vet complete her notes about this very unusual cat by dragging the correct words into the blanks.

Whiskers the cat is completely afraid _____ _____ his paws wet in the rain.

However, he is very good _____ _____ on the sofa all day!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** of
- **B)** about
- **C)** for

Blank 2

- **A)** getting
- **B)** get
- **C)** gets

Blank 3

- **A)** at
- **B)** in
- **C)** on

Blank 4

- **A)** sleeping
- **B)** sleep
- **C)** sleeps

5. Help the comic book writer describe Captain Courage's secret weakness. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Captain Courage is afraid of flying without his cape.
- **B)** The hero is terrified of facing spiders.
- **C)** Captain Courage is afraid of fly.
- **D)** The hero is scared to facing spiders.

6. Help the comic book writer complete the superhero's secret weakness. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank!

Captain Brave can fight aliens and stop speeding trains, but he is actually afraid of _____ in the dark!

Select one.

- **A)** sleep
- **B)** sleeping
- **C)** to sleep
- **D)** sleeps

7. Help Buster the dog complete his cover letter for the "Chief Squirrel Chaser" position.

I am very good at _____ out hidden treats in the sofa. Furthermore, I am highly interested in _____ your prestigious neighborhood watch program. Most importantly, I am never afraid of _____ at the mail carrier to keep the house safe!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** sniffing
- **B)** sniff
- **C)** to sniff

Blank 2

- **A)** joining
- **B)** join
- **C)** to join

Blank 3

- **A)** barking
- **B)** bark
- **C)** barked

8. Complete the spooky (but mostly silly) story about a friendly ghost. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

Barnaby is the worst ghost in the entire haunted house because he is afraid of _____ people!

Select one.

- **A)** scaring
- **B)** scare
- **C)** to scare
- **D)** scared

9. Help the superhero's therapist complete her case notes by selecting the correct verb forms.

Despite fighting alien monsters daily, Captain Laser is deeply afraid of _____ his shiny new spaceship. He also worries about _____ late to his heroic rescues, and he is completely tired of _____ capes that get caught in elevator doors.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** scratching
- **B)** scratch
- **C)** scratched

Blank 2

- **A)** arriving
- **B)** arrive
- **C)** to arrive

Blank 3

- **A)** wearing
- **B)** wear
- **C)** to wear

10. Finish the pet owner's funny text message to their friend. Select the grammatically correct option.

My dog Buster loves playing in the mud all day, but he is absolutely afraid of _____ a bath.

Select one.

- **A)** take
- **B)** to take
- **C)** took
- **D)** taking