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Gerund vs. Infinitive after Adjectives

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Gerund | Habitual aspect | Infinitive | Preposition | Verb

1. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

After three months of daily practice, Jamie is finally getting good ___ the guitar.

Select one.

A) to play
B) at playing
C) to playing
D) at play

2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

My productivity coach always says: "___ important ___ your tasks the night before."

Select one.

A) It's ... planning
B) It's ... to plan
C) Is ... to plan
D) It's ... plan

3. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

Since starting my new job, I'm used ___ at 5:30 a.m. every day.

Select one.

A) to wake up
B) waking up
C) to waking up
D) to wake

4. Spot the mistake! One sentence below has an error with gerund or infinitive use. Select the INCORRECT sentence.

Marco is adjusting to his new commute routine.

Select one.

A) It's easy to forget your keys when you're rushing.
B) She's brilliant at solving puzzles quickly.
C) It's necessary studying every day for the exam.
D) He's interested in learning new languages.

5. Help complete Maria's journal entry about how her life has changed.

Maria's Journal:

"My morning routine is so different now! When I was in college, I ___ sleep until noon every weekend. Those lazy mornings feel like a distant memory. These days, after two years at my new job, I ___ waking up at 6 a.m.—it actually feels normal now!"

Choose the correct pair to fill both blanks:

Select one.

A) was used to ... used to
B) used to ... use to
C) used to ... am used to
D) am used to ... used to

6. Choose the correct word for each gap to complete the sentences about daily habits.

Context: Maya is describing her morning routine to a new roommate.

"I've always been good _____ _____ new things quickly. After three months of early shifts, I'm finally used _____ _____ up at 5 a.m.!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** at
- **B)** at
- **C)** to

Blank 2

- **A)** learn
- **B)** learning
- **C)** to learn

Blank 3

- **A)** at
- **B)** to
- **C)** for

Blank 4

- **A)** wake
- **B)** waking
- **C)** waking

7. Choose the correct word for each gap to complete this advice about study habits.

Context: A tutor is giving tips to a student struggling with time management.

"It's really important _____ on time for class. Also, it's not easy _____ focused for hours, so take short breaks!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** stay
- **B)** staying
- **C)** to stay

8. Choose the correct word to fix this journal entry. One sentence has a mistake!

Context: Tom is writing about his progress with a new fitness routine.

"Week 1: It's hard to exercise every day. Week 4: I'm finally good at to run long distances! Wait… that doesn't look right."

Help Tom correct his mistake:

"I'm finally good at _____ long distances!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

- **A)** to run
- **B)** run
- **C)** running

9. Choose the correct word for each gap to complete these sentences. Pay attention to the difference between past habits and being accustomed to something!

Context: Carlos is comparing his old life in Spain with his new routine in Canada.

"In Spain, I _____ _____ up at 10 a.m. (That was my habit back then!) Now in Canada, I _____ _____ up at 6 a.m. for work. (I'm accustomed to it now!)"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** used to
- **B)** was used to
- **C)** am used to

Blank 2

- **A)** wake
- **B)** waking
- **C)** to wake

Blank 3

- **A)** used to
- **B)** am used to
- **C)** use to

Blank 4

- **A)** wake
- **B)** waking
- **C)** to wake

10. Choose the correct word for each gap to complete this conversation about learning a new skill.

Context: Two coworkers are chatting about their weekend hobbies.

Lina: "Is it difficult _____ the guitar?"

Sam: "At first, yes! But I'm getting better at _____ every week. It's necessary _____ daily, though!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** learn
- **B)** to learn
- **C)** learning

Blank 2

- **A)** play
- **B)** to play
- **C)** playing

Blank 3

- **A)** practice
- **B)** to practice
- **C)** practicing