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Basics. Gerunds After It's No Use and There's No Point In

Hard | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Gerund | Negation | Past tense | Phrase | Preposition | Subject | Verb | Verb tense | Collocations | Idiom

1. Professor Higgins just realized his newly invented time machine only travels into the future, not the past! Select ALL the grammatically correct thoughts he might have right now.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** It's no use trying to warn Abraham Lincoln anymore.
- **B)** There's no point in bringing this map of the Roman Empire.
- **C)** There's no point packing a saddle for a dinosaur.
- **D)** It's no use to bring this map of the Roman Empire.
- **E)** There's no point to try to warn Abraham Lincoln anymore.

2. Complete the dialogue between two hopelessly lost, but highly entertaining, hikers. Choose the correct words to fill the blanks.

"It's no use _____ mad at me for dropping the compass into the river," Sarah huffed, crossing her arms defensively.

"Well, there's no point _____ we know where we are," Mark replied, staring at a map he was holding upside down.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** being
- **B)** to be
- **C)** in being

Blank 2

- **A)** in pretending
- **B)** to pretend
- **C)** for pretending

3. Complete the frustrated spaceship mechanic's log entry.

The core reactor is completely fried. It's no use _____ to patch a level-five breach with galactic duct tape; we need a brand-new engine.

Select one.

- **A)** to try
- **B)** trying
- **C)** in trying
- **D)** to trying

4. Help the IT technician write a warning note to his colleagues about the cursed office printer. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

Honestly, _____ no use _____ at the machine because it feeds on your frustration. Furthermore, _____ no point _____ kicking the printer since it is made of solid titanium.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** that's
- **B)** he's
- **C)** it's

Blank 2

- **A)** to yell
- **B)** yell
- **C)** yelling

Blank 3

- **A)** she's
- **B)** this is
- **C)** there's

Blank 4

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

5. Help the fantasy author complete this dramatic scene about a rather one-sided dragon attack. Select the best phrase for each gap.

"It's no use _____ the heavy iron gates if the dragon can simply fly right over them," the knight sighed.

"And there's absolutely no point _____ with a giant reptile that views our army as a mid-afternoon snack!" the wizard replied.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** having locked
- **B)** to have locked
- **C)** in having locked

Blank 2

- **A)** in negotiating
- **B)** to negotiate
- **C)** for negotiating

6. Complete the survival guide's advice on dealing with the undead. Choose ALL the options that correctly complete the warning.

When the zombie horde approaches, remember that...

Select all that apply.

- **A)** ...it's no use offering them a vegetarian alternative.
- **B)** ...there's no point in debating philosophy with them.
- **C)** ...it's no use to explain your dietary restrictions.
- **D)** ...there's no point to suggest a peaceful resolution.

7. Help the lost hiker finish his sarcastic journal entry about his friend's navigation skills. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

By the time the storm hit, I realized it _____ no use _____ for the trail on a map that Bob was holding upside down. I also told him that there was no point _____ _____ about whose fault it was.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is
- **B)** has been
- **C)** was

Blank 2

- **A)** to look
- **B)** look
- **C)** looking

Blank 3

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

Blank 4

- **A)** to argue
- **B)** argue
- **C)** arguing

8. Help the exhausted detective summarize a dead-end case to her partner.

The suspect has a rock-solid alibi backed by security footage. _____ him further without finding new evidence.

Select one.

- **A)** It's no point to interrogate
- **B)** There's no use to interrogate
- **C)** It's no use in interrogating
- **D)** There's no point in interrogating

9. Complete the food critic's dramatic review of a terrible restaurant. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

The chef insisted the soup was a masterpiece, so we knew it was no use _____ to him about the taste. We also realized there was absolutely no point _____ _____ the burnt appetizer, so we simply fed it to the stray dog outside.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to complain
- **B)** complain
- **C)** complaining

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** salvage
- **B)** to salvage
- **C)** salvaging

10. Complete the 19th-century ghost's diary entry about his modern haunting struggles.

These modern homeowners just ask their smart speakers to turn the lights back on! _____ the heavy antique chandelier if they don't even look up from their phones.

Select one.

- **A)** There's no point to drop
- **B)** It's no use dropping
- **C)** It's no use to drop
- **D)** There's no point drop

11. Help the exhausted IT technician complete his final report of the day by selecting the correct grammatical options.

It's no use _____ about the server crash now; the damage is already done. Furthermore, there's really no point _____ to recover the corrupted data without a valid backup.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** complaining
- **B)** to complain
- **C)** in complaining

Blank 2

- **A)** in trying
- **B)** to try
- **C)** for trying