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Basics. Gerunds After Prepositions

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Adjective | Gerund | Noun | Phrasal verb | Phrase | Preposition | Verb | Progressive tense | Collocations

1. Help the travel blogger finish her survival guide for long flights by choosing the correct option for each gap.

To succeed _____ _____ some rest, you should bring a high-quality neck pillow. With the right gear, you might actually look forward _____ _____ on an airplane!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) on
B) in
C) at

Blank 2

A) get
B) getting
C) to get

Blank 3

A) for
B) to
C) at

Blank 4

A) sleep
B) sleeping
C) slept

2. Complete the clumsy time traveler's confession. Select ALL the phrases that correctly complete the sentence.

The time traveler apologized ___

Select all that apply.

A) for accidentally erasing the dinosaurs.
B) before jumping back into the portal.
C) to ruin the entire historical timeline.
D) about break the boss's favorite time machine.

3. Complete the passive-aggressive note left on the fridge by choosing the correct prepositions and verb forms for each gap.

I am completely tired _____ _____ up after your pet iguana. You left for the entire weekend _____ _____ the poor lizard!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) about
B) of
C) with

Blank 2

A) clean
B) cleaning
C) to clean

Blank 3

A) except
B) without
C) unless

Blank 4

- **A)** feed
- **B)** feeding
- **C)** to feed

4. Choose the correct word to complete the detective's case report.

The suspect finally apologized for _____ the priceless diamond tiara from the museum.

Select one.

- **A)** steal
- **B)** to steal
- **C)** stealing
- **D)** stole

5. Help the hiring manager review the applicant's resume for the Cat Cafe Manager position. Select ALL the sentences that are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** She is capable of managing twenty chaotic kittens at once.
- **B)** She is experienced in handling grumpy older cats.
- **C)** She is used to deal with diva felines demanding extra treats.
- **D)** She is responsible for keep the premium catnip secure.

6. Choose the correct word to reveal the chef's secret culinary advice.

You simply cannot make a truly great omelet without _____ a few eggs and adding a ridiculous amount of butter.

Select one.

- **A)** break
- **B)** breaking
- **C)** to break
- **D)** broke

7. Complete this slightly dramatic (but entirely justified) sticky note left by a frustrated roommate.

Dear Alex,

I am completely tired _____ _____ up your radioactive gym socks from the living room floor.

Also, please do not leave for work tomorrow without _____ Sir Meows-a-Lot. He is plotting his revenge.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** picking
- **B)** to pick
- **C)** pick

Blank 3

- **A)** feeding
- **B)** feed
- **C)** to feed

8. Help the agency director complete the clumsy spy's performance review by choosing the correct words for each blank.

Agent 42 is surprisingly bad _____ _____ in with normal people. Yesterday, he insisted _____ _____ a bright pink tuxedo to a secret beach meeting.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** blend
- **B)** blending
- **C)** to blend

Blank 3

- **A)** to
- **B)** on
- **C)** about

Blank 4

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

9. Help Agent 007-and-a-Half complete her highly classified mission report by choosing the correct words.

Despite wearing a bright pink tuxedo, I succeeded _____ _____ past the evil villain's laser grid.

Instead of _____ the front door like a normal guest, I dramatically dropped in through the air conditioning vents.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** using
- **B)** use
- **C)** to use

10. Select the right words to complete this enthusiastic email to a friend.

I already bought a tiny hat for him! I am really looking forward _____ your new pet iguana next week!

Select one.

- **A)** to meet
- **B)** to meeting
- **C)** for meeting
- **D)** meeting

11. Help an alien tourist finalize their 5-star review of Earth on an intergalactic travel website.

The locals are fascinating! Humans are absolutely obsessed _____ _____ at small glowing rectangles all day.

They are also very polite. I watched one apologize _____ _____ into a plastic mannequin at the mall.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** staring
- **B)** to stare
- **C)** stare

Blank 3

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

Blank 4

- **A)** bumping
- **B)** bump
- **C)** to bump

12. Read the ghost's diary entry about the struggles of haunting a modern house. Select ALL the sentences that use the correct preposition and verb form.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The idea of scaring teenagers who just stare at their phones is exhausting.
- **B)** There is no advantage in haunting a house with smart lights.
- **C)** My fear of to be recorded on a doorbell camera keeps me inside the walls.
- **D)** I have absolutely no intention on leave this comfortable attic.