

Exercise 62

Complete the following pieces of advice with your own ideas expressed by the gerund

1. You should take regular exercise instead of...
2. You can't earn a lot of money by ...
3. It's rude to borrow people's things without ...
4. You must always thank people for ...
5. You mustn't insist on ...
6. It's wrong to make accusations without...
7. It's good manners to apologize for ...
8. You should fill up with petrol before ...

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Insert correct prepositions after adjectives and nouns and put the verbs in the brackets in the active or passive form of the Gerund

1. He is not responsible _____ (handle) correspondence.
2. I have been busy _____ (report) the current events.
3. The reason _____ the story is that it is sensational, (publish)
4. He is surprisingly good _____ (solve) problems.
5. They claim that their method is the fastest way _____ (learn) to speak a language.
6. Attractive people have a better chance _____ (promote).
7. He had the reputation _____ (have) a lot of tact
8. People's belief _____ his (work) wonders is amazing.
9. The opposition _____ (introduce) the new bill was very strong.
10. I am afraid _____ (misunderstand).
11. He succeeded _____ (fulfil) the task.
12. _____ (apologize) you might make your life easier.
13. My father thinks I'm not capable _____ (earn) my own living.
14. They showed no sign _____ (recognize) us.
15. _____ (copy) the text you made numerous mistakes.
16. I was surprised _____ not (consider) a member of the team.
17. A capacity _____ (learn) and (listen) is important for a diplomat.
18. Political Correctness is a term _____ (take) a position which is offensive to no one.

19. Only _____ (know) what the world looks like from inside will diplomats be able to provide political superiors with a reasonably accurate forecast of their future conduct.
20. He congratulated the new members _____ (admit) to the community.
21. A minister for foreign affairs is to have qualities that should prevent him _____ (compromise) himself in any discussion.
22. An ambassador who is successful _____ (fit) himself fully into the life of the capital where he is assigned can undermine its understanding of his own nation.
23. _____ (reach) the decision the participants began to shake hands.
24. Russia insists _____ (receive) a UN authorization to the use of force in the region.
25. Have you ever dreamt _____ (earn) a million dollars?
26. He can't do anything _____ (disturb) anybody or (disturb).
27. Those students who have only excellent marks may get their pass _____ (ask) at the exam.
28. At the time I was very keen _____ (get) an independent income.
29. The reason _____ his not (attend) the meeting is quite clear.
30. He is known to be good _____ (communicate) with people.

IV. The Gerund is used in a complex with a preposition and possessive pro(noun) on the pattern:

preposition + (possessive) noun/(pro)mmn + Gerund
(often passive)

e.g. / didn't know of her **having** been ill.
Я не знал, что она была больна.

The possibility of **his being** involved in the crime seems real
Возможность того, что он замешан в этом преступлении кажется реальной.

Did you hear **about some students taking** drugs?
Вы слышали, что некоторые студенты принимают наркотики?