

Gerund Or Infinitive

Some nouns, adjectives and verbs are followed by ing forms. Some are followed by infinitives. This grammar exercise tests your ability to use these structures correctly.

Fill in the blanks.

1. I hate the idea old.

to get
of getting
of get

2. The thought never bothered him.

to fail
of failing
to failing

3. She is very clever problems.

in solving
to solve
at solving

4. Have you got anything flies?

to kill

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for killing

for to kill

5. You can't eat meat without an animal.

to kill

killing

of killing

6. You must always check the oil before the vehicle.

start

to start

starting

7. I am not used to in a major city.

live

living

Either could be used here

8. Do you object to on weekends?

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work

working

Either could be used here

9. Be careful when you talk to him. He is inclined to his temper.

lose

losing

Either could be used here

10. We are waiting for the guests

to arrive

to arriving

arriving

11. We regret passengers that the flight to Amsterdam has been cancelled.

to inform

informing

to informing

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12. I regret out of college. It was a big blunder.

to drop

to dropping

dropping

Answers

1. I hate the idea of getting old.
2. The thought of failing never bothered him.
3. She is very clever at solving problems.
4. Have you got anything for killing flies?
5. You can't eat meat without killing an animal.
6. You must always check the oil before starting the vehicle.
7. I am not used to living in a major city.
8. Do you object to working on weekends?
9. Be careful when you talk to him. He is inclined to lose his temper.
10. We are waiting for the guests to arrive.
11. We regret to inform passengers that the flight to Amsterdam has been cancelled.
12. I regret dropping out of college. It was a big blunder.