

Gerund vs. Infinitive

Fill in the blanks with an infinitive or gerund.

1. The store has a special department
..... customer complaints.

to handle

handling

Either could be used here

2. The politician tried public
support for the plan.

generating

to generate

Either could be used here

3. She often used into the
distance.

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to gaze

gazing

to gazing

4. Steps should be taken
corruption in the government.

to abolish

abolishing

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5. The grain was separated from the stalk by
.....

beating

beat

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to beat

6. Farmers raise millions of edible seed plants
..... the nation.

to feed

feeding

to feeding

7. People lined the streets the
returning heroes.

to cheer

cheering

to cheering

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8. One needs a special license
a cab.

driving

to drive

to driving

9. Moles have the habit of in the
earth.

borrowing

to borrow

borrow

10. When and where did the practice
..... hands originate?

to shake

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of shaking

to shaking

11. The radio audience was hoaxed into
..... that Martians had landed.

believe

believing

Either could be used here

Answers

The store has a special department to handle / handling customer complaints.

The politician tried to generate public support for the plan.

She often used to gaze into the distance.

Steps should be taken to abolish corruption in the government.

The grain was separated from the stalk by beating.

Farmers raise millions of edible seed plants to feed the nation.

People lined the streets to cheer the returning heroes.

One needs a special license to drive a cab.

Moles have the habit of borrowing in the earth.

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When and where did the practice of shaking hands originate?

The radio audience was hoaxed into believing that Martians had landed.