

# Gerund vs. Infinitive

Fill in the blanks with an infinitive or a gerund.

1. They held an elaborate ceremony  
..... the demons.

exorcising

to exorcise

2. The senator denied ever .....  
such a statement.

to make

making

3. The men were asked ..... their  
grievances.

to detail

detailing

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4. His diffidence keeps him ..... friends.

to make

from making

5. Some foods are hard .....

digesting

to digest

6. She is too dignified ..... anything silly.

to do

doing

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7. Let me digress for a moment  
..... you a little story.

to tell

telling

8. The medicine will dilate the blood vessels and  
prevent .....

to clot

clotting

9. His inheritance allows him .....  
expensive hobbies.

to buy

buying

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10. The room was too dim for me

.....

to read

reading

11. We need a diplomat ..... with this situation.

to deal

dealing

12. I was directed ..... the budget.

cutting

to cut

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## Answers

They held an elaborate ceremony to exorcise the demons.

The senator denied ever making such a statement.

The men were asked to detail their grievances.

His diffidence keeps him from making friends.

Some foods are hard to digest.

She is too dignified to do anything silly.

Let me digress for a moment to tell you a little story.

The medicine will dilate the blood vessels and prevent clotting.

His inheritance allows him to pursue expensive hobbies.

The room was too dim for me to read.

We need a diplomat to deal with this situation.

I was directed to cut the budget.