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
Gerund vs. Infinitive

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
Gerund vs. Infinitive

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

to tell
telling

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

to clot
clotting

9. His inheritance allows him to buy expensive hobbies.

to buy
buying
Gerund vs. Infinitive

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
Gerund vs. Infinitive

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.