

LESSON #5
GRAMMAR PILL
Gerunds vs Infinitives



1. Circle the correct form.

- A. My hair needs **trimming / to trim**. It's really long!
- B. We tried **to reach / reaching** the mountain peak, but we got tired and decided **getting / to get** back.
- C. I can't find my keys anywhere. I do remember though **to lock / locking** the door this morning.
- D. I'll never forget **to see / seeing** Monument Valley for the first time, what a glorious sight!
- E. If you can't sleep at night try **to take / taking** supplements.
- F. A young chap offered **to help / helping** me with the shopping bags.
- G. Do you feel like **going / to go** out tonight?
- H. She threatened **to report / reporting** them to the police if they didn't turn down the music.

2. Circle the correct answer.

- 1) My son managed his driving test. Kudos to him!
A. Pass B. To pass C. Passing
- 2) I can't imagine at 5 am every morning.
A. get up B. To get up C. Getting up
- 3) The man denied my watch.
A. Steal B. To steal C. Stealing
- 4) I've given up to an old-school gym, I'm currently keen on Crossfit.
A. Go B. To go C. Going
- 5) Kim expects a promotion asap.
A. Get B. To get C. Getting
- 6) Andy makes us a lot of homework although she calls it "consolidation".
A. Do B. To do C. Doing
- 7) I don't mind as long as it's a short distance.
A. Drive B. To drive C. Driving
- 8) We'd like for a discount.
A. Ask B. To ask C. Asking
- 9) Thomas learned at a very young age.



- A. Swim B. To swim C. Swimming
- 10) He never lets his wife a girls' night out, he's so possessive!
A. Have B. To have C. Having
- 11) You should your English more if you want to become fluent.
A. Practise B. To practise C. Practising
- 12) She ought to a dentist asap, I think she has a root canal.
A. See B. To see C. Seeing

VOCABULARY SHAKER

Complete the phrases below with the vocabulary given in a correct form.

TO SUGAR COAT

LAID-BACK

HECTIC

BOOZY

SWEET SPOT

NESTLED

TO PIT

BOUGIE (adj)

1. Boston is not as _____ as New York, that's why it's my city of choice.
2. The sales associate tried to _____ it but it was obvious the skirt was ripped.
3. The Berkshires are such a _____, there's something for everybody.
4. Winter nights call for hot chocolate _____ under a blanket on the couch.
5. Martha's Vineyard, MA is such a _____ place, there are plenty of luxury hotels up there.
6. Trying to _____ Boston and NY is useless, they are at two opposite poles.
7. Sometimes my girlfriends and I would go on a _____ night in town and then get a taxi home. Those were the days!
8. Savannah, Georgia is such a _____ place, people are so friendly and easy-going.

PRONUNCIATION SHAKER

Homophones

Find homophones to the following words.

- 1) **WOULD**
- 2) **TAUT**
- 3) **SWEET**
- 4) **BRAKE**
- 5) **WAIT**
- 6) **VERY**
- 7) **CEREAL**
- 8) **STOCK**

ACTIVE LISTENING

Match the following words / expressions to their appropriate definitions.

- 1) **TO BELLY UP**
- 2) **NOT YOUR CUP OF TEA**
- 3) **PATCH**
- 4) **YAMS**
- 5) **OFF TO A GREAT START**
- 6) **A HOLDUP**
- 7) **LOOSE (adj)**
- 8) **BUTLER**
- 9) **TO SLAP ON**
- 10) **TO RICOCHET**

- a) *A male servant*
- b) *Not sth of interest to you*
- c) *Begin sth successfully*
- d) *A piece of material put on a damaged area*
- e) *Not attached / packaged*



- f) Rebound off a surface*
- g) Move close or next to*
- h) Sweet potatoes*
- i) Situation that causes delay / robbery at gunpoint*
- j) Apply sth carelessly*