

5.3 Gerunds

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

[convince do expect ~~get~~ let promote receive work]

I detest getting up at five thirty to get to work.

- I was pleased to hear my line manager had supported my _____.
- If you have a skin allergy, _____ with food may be bad for your health.
- With more and more companies _____ young graduates to work for free as 'interns', it is not easy to find paid work.
- I learned how to program this type of photocopier while _____ an internship at a technology company.
- I succeeded in _____ my boss that I deserved a pay rise.
- I appreciate your _____ me know about this job opportunity; I think I'll apply.
- On _____ the letter, he ran and told his mother the good news.

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2 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct forms. Add other words if necessary, but do not change the order of the given words. Use no more than five words in each gap.

Do you realise he actually (recommend / you / fire) recommended your being fired?

- I was told to phone the office immediately (on / arrive / London) _____.
- When I came into the room, our boss was (middle / describe) _____ the company's new strategy, so I apologised for interrupting.
- My mother was (concern / my / start) _____ a full-time job before I'd finished my degree.
- (work / at / restaurant) _____ before, I knew how to carry three plates full of food at the same time.

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