



Gerunds

Exercise:

Look at the following passage. Complete the gaps using the appropriate words.

I looked forward to (1. see) them. It had been years since I last saw them. I wanted to go (2. shop). I had planned a welcome back party! When I came back from the shops, I started (3. bake). I had practised (4. decorate) these cakes for weeks because I wanted everything to be perfect. Once I finished (5. cook), I couldn't help (6. breathe) a sigh of relief! It had been a long day. I looked forward to (7. relax) and (8. do) the things that I enjoy the most.

Although I do enjoy cooking, nothing feels better than (9. watch) TV and (10. read) a good book. Recently, I finished reading Harry Potter. However, I already knew the ending. I can't stand people (11. tell) you the ending of a story before I've even had the chance of (12. finish) the book, but my friends always do that!

The same happens with TV programmes. I always look forward to completing a TV series, like Friends, for example. I bought the entire box set and then my friends (13. tell) me the ending. I (14. spoil) it for you! It's worth (15. watch), I can tell you that! I have now given up (16. tell) my friends not to tell me what happens. It's no use (17. argue) about it because they don't do it on purpose! They're just easily excited!

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I think most people prefer (1. ride) in comfortable cars to (2. walk). However, she loves (3. swim) in the lake. There's no (4. deny) that it is enjoyable (5. swim) but it is tiring. I would prefer driving to places.

I have a car, but unfortunately we can't afford (6. buy) a new car this year. I admit (7. be) out of pocket because of the impact of the recession. However, I enjoy driving in my car for now. Weekly I (8. collect) my friends and we feel like (9. go) shopping or to the theatres. When I drive, I can't stand (10. be) stuck in a traffic jam! It is so annoying. After a long drive, I enjoy relaxing and (11. watch) TV. I look forward to (12. put) my feet up and drinking a nice cold drink.

Most of the times, I enjoy (13. rest) in the afternoon after (14. try) to finish doing my homework. I think it's the best time to relax because then you don't have to stress about (15. finish) your work. I think we get a lot of homework. I look forward to (16. finish) school and then never (17. have) to do any work ever again!

My mum (18. say) not to count my chickens. She thinks that you can't avoid (19. work) because when you get older you have to work for your family. I can't help (20. wish) then that I would stay young forever.

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Every year I (1. have) the same sinking feeling about exams. I dread (2. take) exams for fear of (3. fail). When results (4. come) out I feel sick to my stomach. I can't help (5. feel) the same every year. Once results have come out and I have done better than I thought, I always feel better.

This year after exams we (6. plan) to go on holiday. This year we (7. go) to Tunisia. I am looking forward to being on the beach. I enjoy relaxing on the beach with my friends. I am also looking forward to (8. tan). I am normally too pale. I imagine (9. go) to the dunes and (10. stay) out in the dunes, (11. watch) the sun rise the following morning. I think it will be beautiful.

Last year we (12. go) to California. However, I went with my parents. I loved (13. go) to see Yosemite and (14. stay) in a small cottage. It was so much fun! My sisters and I also liked (15. travel) to the Grand Canyon and (16. see) Vegas. It was loud and bright, but it was still fun. I would recommend (17. see) what California has to offer. The lifestyle is so relaxed and everyone (18. seem) to be on holiday throughout the year because of the endless sunshine.

I think my favourite holiday has been (19. go) to Malaysia. However, I remember (20. feel) sticky because it was so humid. However, the food was so tasty!

Do you enjoy travelling to any countries? Do you think any in particular are worth (21. visit)?

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