

G choosing between gerunds and infinitives **V** work **P** word stress

1 VOCABULARY work

a Complete the text with words from the list.

applied downsized fired overtime promoted ran
resign retire set up shifts training course

My father's first job was at a small local company. He had to work a lot of ¹ overtime, which he really hated, but he knew he would be ² _____ if he didn't do it. One day, he decided to ³ _____ from the job. He ⁴ _____ for a new job with a multinational company. At first, he worked ⁵ _____ in a factory. Then, he got ⁶ _____ to supervisor. Later, he was ⁷ _____ because business was bad. After that, my dad took a ⁸ _____ in business management, and he ⁹ _____ his own business. He ¹⁰ _____ the company for 20 years, and he didn't ¹¹ _____ until he was 68 years old. This photo shows the party they organized for him on his last day.

b Complete the sentences with a preposition and a word from the list.

freelance full-time part-time permanent
self-employed temporary unemployed



- 1 Maxine is a self-employed mechanic. She loves working for herself.
- 2 My niece is still _____ school, but she has a _____ job. She only works on Friday evenings and Saturdays.
- 3 João is _____ his third year of college. He's hoping to get a _____ job as a waiter for the summer to earn some money.
- 4 Laura is _____ charge of IT at the public library. It's a _____ job – she works from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day.
- 5 My cousin used to work _____ a large multinational company, but he's been _____ since he was downsized last year.
- 6 My boyfriend has a _____ job in a bank, and he hopes to stay there until he retires. He's responsible _____ customer loans.
- 7 My sister is a _____ software developer. She works _____ lots of different companies.



c Complete the sentences with a noun form of the word in **bold**.

- 1 A musician plays **music** for a living.
- 2 They're looking for a _____ to **translate** some documents into Chinese.
- 3 The company **employs** over 200 people – 150 of whom have full-time _____.
- 4 Hanna studied **pharmacy** because she wanted to be a _____.
- 5 When we **retire**, we'd like to spend our _____ with our grandchildren.
- 6 They're going to **promote** someone, but we don't know who's going to get the _____.
- 7 Ken's interested in **law**, so he'd like to be a _____.
- 8 My son is good at all the **sciences**, so I'm sure he'll be a _____ when he's older.
- 9 My colleague tried to **resign**, but our boss wouldn't accept his _____.
- 10 I **applied** for the job, but I sent in the _____ too late.
- 11 A _____ has to get up early to take care of his **farm**.
- 12 He wasn't **qualified** for the job because he didn't have any _____.

d Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from the list. Use each word twice.

company fire market run work

- 1 I like spending time with John. I enjoy his company.
- 2 The track and field official _____ his gun to start the race.
- 3 I dropped my phone in the bathtub and now it doesn't _____.
- 4 I _____ five miles every evening.
- 5 Jane was _____ because she stole money from the company.
- 6 We always buy fruit and vegetables from our local _____.
- 7 My sister has applied for a job with an engineering _____.
- 8 There isn't a big _____ for this kind of product in South America.
- 9 I _____ part-time in a café.
- 10 One day, I would like to _____ my own business.

2 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Underline the stressed syllable.

- 1 ap|pli|ca|tion
- 2 a|pply
- 3 em|ploy|ment
- 4 down|size
- 5 far|mer
- 6 free|lance
- 7 law|yer
- 8 mu|si|cian
- 9 per|ma|nent
- 10 phar|ma|cist
- 11 pro|mo|tion
- 12 quali|fi|ca|tion
- 13 qual|ify
- 14 re|sig|na|tion
- 15 re|tire
- 16 re|tire|ment
- 17 sci|en|tist
- 18 tem|po|ra|ry
- 19 trans|la|tion
- 20 un|em|ployed

b 8.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

3 GRAMMAR choosing between gerunds and infinitives

a Circle a, b, or c.

- 1 It's difficult _____ a good job these days.
a finding **b to find** c find
- 2 He isn't very good at _____ decisions.
a making **b to make** c make
- 3 They promised _____ me at the end of the month.
a paying **b to pay** c pay
- 4 I should _____. It's getting late.
a going **b to go** c go
- 5 _____ an application form can take ages.
a Filling out **b To fill out** c Fill out
- 6 My girlfriend told me _____ her later.
a calling **b to call** c call
- 7 The movie I saw last night made me _____.
a crying **b to cry** c cry
- 8 Tim really enjoys _____ on a team.
a working **b to work** c work
- 9 I went to the supermarket _____ some bread.
a buying **b to buy** c buy
- 10 I gave up _____ basketball when I went to college.
a playing **b to play** c play



b Correct any mistakes in the highlighted verbs. Check (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 I remember having my first job interview. I was really nervous! ☒
- 2 Lift heavy weights can give you back problems. ☐
Lifting heavy weights
- 3 The interviewer asked me wait in the reception area. ☐
- 4 I know you don't like my boyfriend, but please try to be nice to him. ☐
- 5 Go on, tell me! I promise to not laugh. ☐
- 6 The bus didn't come, so we started walking home. ☐
- 7 Anna continued study until midnight. ☐
- 8 It's impossible to read your writing! ☐
- 9 If you're tired, I don't mind stay in tonight. ☐
- 10 Everyone is afraid of being fired. ☐

c Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 I went to the bank to get some money. (get)
- 2 Try _____ to your boss. She might be able to help you. (talk)
- 3 I want you _____ me exactly what happened. (tell)
- 4 I didn't remember _____ the stove, so the kitchen was full of smoke. (turn off)
- 5 Some couples can go on _____ to each other for days after an argument.
(not speak)
- 6 I'm going out with Jamie because he makes me _____. (laugh)
- 7 _____ drive is one of the requirements of the job. (be able to)
- 8 The service had been so bad that the manager agreed _____ us for our meal.
(not charge)