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The Changing World

A. Write the gerund form of the following words.

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| 1. take | <u>taking</u> | 4. choose | <u>choosing</u> |
| 2. join | <u>joining</u> | 5. shop | <u>shopping</u> |
| 3. do | <u>doing</u> | 6. get | <u>getting</u> |

B. Complete the sentences using the gerunds in Exercise A.

1. I am fond of shopping at the stores in the mall.
2. The thief admitted to taking the jewelry.
3. Helena is always complaining about doing her chores.
4. Rich is worried about getting into a good college.
5. We've decided joining against the chess club.
6. We began the project by choosing an interesting topic.



C. Complete the sentences using gerunds after the prepositions. Use your own ideas.
Answers will vary.

1. Michael lost his job. He's having difficulty in _____.
2. Students often worry about _____.
3. I am tired of _____.
4. I'm interested in _____.
5. I am pursuing my dream of _____.
6. My friends always complain about _____.

D. Circle the correct preposition. Then complete the sentences using gerunds.

1. My brother has finally succeeded in / on in / passing the test.
2. Janice and Fred are dreaming on / of of / going on their vacation.
3. Richard decided against / in against / quitting his job.
4. Helen apologized of / for for / taking my books.
5. We have talked for / about about / going out next weekend.
6. I object to / for to / working with them.
7. We're thinking of / against of / buying a new computer.
8. My mother insisted in / on on / taking me to the doctor.

E. Read Rob's email to Veronica. Circle the correct choice. Then complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be	include	plan	spend	talk	write
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for:

case:

Veronica:

Why did you leave me? I guess I'm not good at relationships. You always said so. Before I met you, *I was used to / wasn't used to* (1) was used to / spending my time alone. I did what I wanted when I wanted. But after we started dating, *I got used to / wasn't used to* (2) got used to / planning things together with you. *I got used to / didn't get used to* (3) got used to / including you in my life.

Now *I can't get used to / wasn't used to* (4) can't get used to / being without you.

I know that I never said how much you meant to me when we were dating. I

just *am not used to / get used to* (5) am not used to / talking about my

feelings. *I am not used to / am not getting used to* (6) am not used to / writing

letters, but I have to tell you how I feel now. My life is empty without you. Let's be together again.



F. Imagine you have been a very successful and famous pop star for the past two years. Complete the sentences with your ideas. *Answers will vary.*

1. Three years ago I was used to _____.
2. Three years ago I wasn't used _____.
3. I'm now used to _____.
4. I'm not used to _____.
5. My parents can't get used to _____.
6. I can't get used to _____.
7. My old friends are getting used to _____.
8. I'm getting used to _____.

G. Write six more sentences with *be used to* or *get used to*. Use the ideas in the box or your own ideas. *Answers will vary.*

Your life	Your family—now and then	Your school work
Your friends—now and then	Your routines—now and then	

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



H. Read about Rowena. Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

bed	dream of	getting used to	thinking of	used to
can't stand	empty	streets	town	yesterday

When my father first told our family he was (1) thinking of moving his dental practice, I didn't believe he was serious. We were going to leave our apartment in the city—the only home I'd ever known—and travel to a small rural (2) town. When he heard the news, my brother Taylor just shouted, "I hate country life!" I agreed with him, but then I told myself that a change might be fun.

Now, I'm really having trouble adjusting to country life. Sometimes I (3) can't stand being here. There's nothing happening! Back in the city, it used to be noisy, and the (4) streets were always filled with traffic. The air was polluted, but we just accepted the smells. Here the roads are always (5) empty. The air is clean, which is better for a person's health I guess, but everyone seems to be in (6) bed by nine o'clock. The people here are friendly, but I can't get used to the slow pace. In the city, I (7) used to hang out with my friends until late in the evening. Sometimes I (8) dream of being with them again! My parents and brother are adjusting to life in the country. Taylor is (9) getting used to attending his new school, and (10) yesterday he told me he can't wait to see his friends here each day.

I just ask myself: Will I ever get used to rural life?

I. Read the text again and circle *true* or *false*.

- The family used to live in an apartment in the city. true false
- Rowena finds a lot to do in the country. true false
- Rowena used to hang out with friends until late. true false
- Taylor is getting used to living in the country. true false
- The family is going back to the city soon. true false



J. Writing Corner

You lived in the country for most of your life, but you have been living in a busy city for the past three years. Write an email to a friend telling him/her about your experiences and feelings in the city.

Answers will vary.
