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## Goodbye, My School

Gerunds

Date:

Grade:



**Meeting** you is wonderful, Cody! I don't want to say goodbye.



**Stop crying**, Bobby. Don't you remember that we're going to the same secondary school?



Oh, right! That's great!



### Grammar Explained



a) We can put **gerunds** at the beginning of sentences as the subject.

**Listening** to music is relaxing.

**Meeting** new friends is a valuable experience.

b) We usually use **gerunds** after certain verbs.

**finish keep start stop suggest**

We should **stop** **fighting** with each other.

I **started** **packing** my suitcase last night.

c) We usually use **gerunds** after the preposition 'for'.


Jenny is sorry **for** **breaking** the vase.


Thank you **for** **helping** me.


**A** Cody and his classmates are talking about ways to thank their teachers. Write the correct letters in the boxes.

A. Baking   B. dancing   C. Holding   D. making  
E. Performing   F. Singing   G. writing

 : ①  a talent show for our teachers is a good idea.

 : Yes, I agree. ②  on stage is interesting. ③  and ④  are entertaining so I think the teachers will enjoy our shows.

 : Let's make some DIY gifts for them as well. ⑤  cookies and ⑥  candles are quite easy.

 : I think ⑦  thank-you notes to them can be very touching too.

**B** Cody's teacher is telling the class how to deal with stress. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs.


1. We should try to stay positive. Even when we face difficulties, we should keep \_\_\_\_\_ (think) positively.
2. Don't overload yourselves with work. Remember to take a rest after you finish \_\_\_\_\_ (study).
3. Doing sports can reduce stress. Start \_\_\_\_\_ (make) it as your habit. Many children like \_\_\_\_\_ (play) ball games with their friends.
4. For activities that you can do alone, I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ (dance).
5. Some people enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) in the shower to reduce stress.
6. When things don't go well, stop \_\_\_\_\_ (blame) yourselves. Talk to people you trust about your problems.



**C** Cody and his classmates are writing some thank-you notes for their teachers. Complete their notes with the correct form of the given verbs.

adapt   behave   do   hand   have   help   listen   teach

Dear Mr Tam,

I'm sorry for  ① \_\_\_\_\_ in the Maths homework late all the time. I used to think that ② \_\_\_\_\_ sums was painful but I'm not afraid of it anymore. I'm grateful to have you as my Maths teacher.


Cody

Dear Miss Yu,

③ \_\_\_\_\_ the English class was a horrible experience for me last year because I couldn't understand what you said. Now, I enjoy ④ \_\_\_\_\_ to the stories you tell us during lessons. Thank you for ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Andy

Dear Miss Lau,



You once told me to stop ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ like a child because I would be a secondary school student soon. I know  ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ to a new environment can be harsh but I won't let you down. Thanks a lot for ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ me when I have problems.

Samuel



## Proofreading

**D** Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

1. Give presents is a good way to thank someone so I gave Melanie a friendship bracelet on the last day of school. 'Thank you for been my best friend,' I said to her and began to sob. She asked me to stop cries and said, 'We can keep meet each other afterwards.' I hope we can. Spend time with her is always enjoyable.
-  1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_



# Daily Life Grammar



**E** Cody is giving a speech in the hall. Complete his speech with the correct form of the given words.



sorry for    thank you for


start    stop    try

be    choose    give    join    learn    make    rely    study

Dear teachers and my fellow students,

Time flies. Today is the day to say goodbye to our lovely school. We enjoy ① \_\_\_\_\_ here very much. The past six years has been a wonderful memory for all of us. We will never forget our school.

② \_\_\_\_\_ the football team was the best decision I had ever made. Mr Fung,  ③ \_\_\_\_\_ ④ \_\_\_\_\_ me to be the captain of the football team. I had a great time playing with my teammates. Miss Chan, I'm ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_  ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ you so much trouble in the past years. I promise to behave and be a better student.

We will go to secondary school soon so we need to grow up. We should ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ on our parents to decide everything for us. It's now time to ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ more determined and responsible. ⑪ \_\_\_\_\_ our own choices is very important. Also,  ⑫ \_\_\_\_\_ ⑬ \_\_\_\_\_ different things when we have the chance. Don't be scared when we face challenges.

Goodbye, my school, teachers and my fellow students. Best of luck to all of you.

