

Gerunds (ing-forms)

Task

Complete the sentences below with the ing-forms of the verbs in the box.

do shop spend decide try on look
 carry read wait compare go sit walk
 follow

_____¹ for clothes and accessories in boutiques and big department stores is something that most women enjoy _____². _____³ what to buy is a serious business and takes time. Most women and girls like _____⁴ from one shop to another. They love just _____⁵ around from one display to another and _____⁶ at interesting new clothes. For most women and girls _____⁷ prices and _____⁸ different things to see how they look is a pleasant leisure activity. _____⁹ hours in shops isn't what most men would prefer to do. But many husbands and boyfriends don't have a choice. At the weekend the city centre stores are full of men with long faces _____¹⁰ their women from shop to shop and _____¹¹ three or four plastic bags. Many shopping centres now have 'comfort zones' for men with benches and seats. There are usually several men there just _____¹² quietly or _____¹³ a book or a newspaper and _____¹⁴ patiently for a wife or a girlfriend to collect them.

Conditional sentences 3

Task

Join the two halves of these conditional sentences.

1. If he had learned to read and write,
2. If I had liked the work,
3. If we hadn't arrived at the airport an hour early,
4. If I had dived into the water sooner,
5. If Susan hadn't been so angry,
6. If they hadn't been so rude,
7. If the party hadn't been so boring,
8. If we had taken a taxi instead of the bus,
9. If I had seen her,
10. If she had passed her exams,
11. If we had had a map,
12. If I had been able to afford a ticket,
13. If I had seen the bike,
14. If Ted had helped us,
15. If the dog had barked,

- A. I'd have spoken to her.
- B. we'd have told them more.
- C. I'd have gone to their concert in Rome.
- D. we could have finished sooner.
- E. he could have been a wonderful author.
- F. she could have gone to university.
- G. I might have stayed with the insurance company.
- H. I wouldn't have left so early.
- I. we'd have missed them.
- J. we wouldn't have had such a bad argument.
- K. we'd have found the museum much faster.
- L. I might have saved him.
- M. we'd all have heard it.
- N. I'd have jumped out of the way.
- O. we could have been there by now.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____
8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____

Warning signs

Task

You are on holiday in Britain and you want to send these photos of warning signs to a friend who doesn't understand English. Write short text messages and explain in your own words what each sign means.








