

## GERUND AND INFINITIVE PRACTICE / CHOICES

Use the correct forms of the words in parentheses to complete the letters to the editor of a school newspaper.

To the Editor,

Yesterday, my roommate Andre (**persuade / I / have**) persuaded me to  
have lunch with him in the dining hall. I wondered about (**Andre / want / go**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ there because last year he (**stop / use**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the dining hall completely. But when we went in,  
I understood. Instead of (**find**) \_\_\_\_\_ greasy fries and mystery  
meat, I was delighted (**see**) \_\_\_\_\_ the colorful Taco Bell sombrero.  
In my opinion, (**switch**) \_\_\_\_\_ to fast foods is the way (**go**)  
\_\_\_\_\_. The administration made a great choice. . I support  
(they / offer) \_\_\_\_\_ fast food, and I appreciate (**my friend /**  
**persuade / I / give**) \_\_\_\_\_ campus food  
another try.

To the Editor,

I'm writing this letter (**express**) \_\_\_\_\_ my anger and  
disappointment at (**have**) \_\_\_\_\_ fast-food chains in the  
dining halls. When a classmate and I went to eat yesterday, I (**expect / we /**  
**find**) \_\_\_\_\_ the usual healthy choices of vegetables and  
salads. I (**not count on / see**) \_\_\_\_\_ a fast-food  
court. In my opinion, it was outrageous (**bring**) \_\_\_\_\_ fast food  
into the college dining hall. As a commuter, I (**need / have**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ a healthy meal every evening before class,  
so I (**attempt / stay away**) \_\_\_\_\_ from fast  
food. I (**urge / the administration / set up**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ a salad bar so that students like me can  
(**keep on / buy**) \_\_\_\_\_ meals on campus.

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*Read these posts to an international online discussion group. There are fifteen mistakes in the use of the gerund and infinitive. The first mistake is already corrected. Find and correct fourteen more.*

Re: love those tacos

I love ~~eat~~ *[eating or to eat]* tacos for my lunch. I think they are delicious, convenient, nutritious, and inexpensive. I don't even mind to have the same thing every day! What do you think?

Re: vegetarian travel

I'm a vegetarian. I stopped to eat meat two years ago. I feel a little nervous about traveling to other countries. I'm going to Ghana in September. Is it easy finding meatless dishes there?

Re: takoyaki

Hi! I am Paulo and I come from Brazil. I enjoy trying different foods. I really want try takoyaki (fish balls made with octopus) when I go to Japan. Is there a takoyaki shop you can recommend my going to? I look forward to hear from you.

Re: recipe exchange

My name is Natasha. I'm interested in exchange recipes with people from other countries. If you want to know about Russian food, I'd be glad sending you some information.

Re: calamari

Hi! I was in Italy last month. I don't usually like eating seafood, so I was not eager trying calamari (squid). I was surprised finding that I liked it! I expected it being tough, but it's actually quite tender if prepared well.

Re: cheap and delicious in Taiwan

Are you going to Taiwan? If so, I suggest you to try the little restaurants around the National University in Taipei. Eat there is cheap and it's easy finding the neighborhood. The dumpling shops are great --- once you eat one dumpling there, you won't want stopping.