



## Lesson 12

### Prepositions + Gerund

If we want to use a verb after a preposition, it must be a gerund. It is impossible to use an infinitive after a preposition. We use the Gerund after the following prepositions: after, before, by, in spite of, on, without.

#### Examples:

After having a shower, I went to sleep.

The students may not leave before finishing the exam.

Imelda succeeded by working much harder than her colleagues.

In spite of playing very hard, our team lost the game.

Megan insisted on going to the beach despite the bad weather.

I can never tell a joke without laughing.

However, you could replace the gerunds with nouns:

#### Examples:

After having a shower, I went to sleep.

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