

5 USING POSSESSIVES WITH GERUNDS

Read the following letter written to Pamela's advice column. Combine each pair of sentences, using a possessive noun or possessive pronoun and a gerund in each new sentence you write.

Pamela's Advice

Dear Pamela:

My friend Helen married Tom last year, against my advice. They didn't know each other very well at the time, as they had met only three weeks prior to their wedding. Now they are discovering things about each other that they don't like.

For example:

1. Tom smokes cigars in the bedroom. Helen can't stand this.

Helen can't stand Tom's smoking cigars in the bedroom.

2. Helen talks on the phone to her boss on weekends. Tom is annoyed by this.

3. Tom is rude to Helen's family. Helen can't tolerate this.

4. Helen's cooking is terrible. Tom dislikes this.

5. Tom swears at other drivers. Helen is disturbed by this.

6. Tom spends hours in front of the TV. Helen resents this.

7. Helen snores. Tom can't sleep because of this.

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