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### Corpus Activity Worksheet

Write down three skills you have identified with your profession. Use their gerund forms:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Using the Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA), search the gerunds you formed. Write down example sentences for each gerund. Circle the gerund in each example.

Be careful that your example is used as a gerund.

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Gerund: \_\_\_\_\_

Example sentences: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

Gerund: \_\_\_\_\_

Example sentences: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Gerund: \_\_\_\_\_

Example sentences: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

Look at the collocations to the left and right of your gerund search results. Write down any words or phrases that you see multiple times, as well as the example sentence. Circle the gerund and underline the common word or phrase in each example.

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Word or phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

Example sentences: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Word or phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

Example sentences: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Word or phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

Example sentences: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Write down any other common words or phrases that are discussed as a class. Note the location of the word or phrase: whether it is *before* or *after* the gerund.

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Word or phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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