

Spot the Slip Saturday Answer Key

Corrections (errors in italics above):

1. decided *going* → decided **to go**
2. wanted *playing* → wanted **to play**
3. suggested *to ride* → suggested **riding**
4. agreed *joining* → agreed **to join**
5. enjoys *to spend* → enjoys **spending**
6. promised *helping* → promised **to help**
7. finished *to ride* → finished **riding**
8. admitted *to forget* → admitted **forgetting**
9. hopes *seeing* → hopes **to see**
10. looks forward *to plan* → looks forward to **planning**

Corrected

Last Saturday, Mia decided **to go** to the park with her friends. She wanted **to play** basketball, but the others suggested **riding** their bikes instead. Mia agreed **to join** the bike ride because she enjoys **spending** time outdoors.

On the way, her brother promised **to help** her fix her bike if it broke. Luckily, nothing went wrong, so they finished **riding** the trail without problems. Afterward, Mia's friend admitted **forgetting** bringing snacks, so they all laughed.

Mia hopes **to see** her friends again next weekend, and she plans **to invite** them to her house for a movie night. She can't stand **being** bored, so she always looks forward to **planning** fun activities with them.

Story:

Teacher Guide / Notes

- Errors are deliberately mixed: some verbs that always need gerunds (enjoy, finish, admit), some that always need infinitives (decide, want, agree, promise, hope), and tricky constructions (look forward to + gerund).
- **Extension idea:** Have students write their own short story (5-6 sentences) with 3 intentional gerund/infinitive errors for a partner to find.