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Correct the dangling participial phrase, misplaced modifier, or split infinitive in each of the following sentences.

1. Elected to her first term, the Eighty-ninth Congress received Patricia Takemoto Mink as its eighth congresswoman.

2. Interested in politics at an early age, her high school elected Mink president of the student body.

3. Obtaining her law degree from the University of Chicago in 1952, law firms were not interested in hiring a woman.

4. Unconquered by the prejudices against her, Mink decided to boldly strive forward in the face of opposition.

5. Learning to organize young politicians, her efforts began to pay off in 1954.

6. Well qualified for the Congress in Washington, four years in the Hawaiian Congress were Patricia Mink’s credentials.
7. Recognized as a champion of women’s rights, an early equal rights bill was sponsored by Mink.

Indicate whether each of the following underlined phrases is a participial phrase, a gerund phrase, or an infinitive phrase.

8. Searching for gold has always been a favorite activity of treasure seekers.
   
   Participial phrase   Gerund phrase   Infinitive phrase

9. The story behind the Lost Dutchman Mine in Arizona’s Superstition Mountains is unusual, fascinating to many listeners.
   
   Participial phrase   Gerund phrase   Infinitive phrase

10. The story began in 1987 with Jacob Walz, who used gold nuggets to pay a bill in Phoenix, Arizona.
    
    Participial phrase   Gerund phrase   Infinitive phrase

11. Jacob Walz died in 1891, predicting that no one would ever find his mine.
    
    Participial phrase   Gerund phrase   Infinitive phrase

12. Proved right so far, Walz must have covered his tracks well.
    
    Participial phrase   Gerund phrase   Infinitive phrase

Circle the correct personal pronoun.

13. Did your father object to you your giving up the clarinet?

14. Mr. Cowfield approved me my talking first in the panel discussion.

15. The ranger objected to their them climbing the snowy Mountain on such a threatening day.
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