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8 A: Did you remember ..... (tell) Tim about the party?
B: I don't remember ..... (tell) him, but I'm sure I did.
9 A: Do you regret ..... (offer) him the job?
B: Yes, I regret ..... (say) he's not a reliable employee.
10 A: I think I'd prefer ..... (go) on holiday to Greece this year and spend some time visiting ancient sites.
B: Yes, I prefer ..... (do) something interesting to just ..... (sit) on a beach all day. And I'd prefer ..... (go) somewhere warm rather than ..... (stay) in England.
11 A: Did you mean ..... (park) so far away?
B: Yes. Otherwise, it would mean ..... (pay) to get into a car park.
12 A: I've been trying ..... (contact) Mr Isaacs all morning.
B: Why don't you try ..... (phone) his club?

29 Complete the sentences using the infinitive or the -ing form of an appropriate verb.

1 His lawyer advised him ...*to take*... the journalist to court.
2 I wouldn't advise ..... that dog - it might bite you.
3 The boss doesn't encourage ..... in the office. He's a non-smoker.
4 Why do you keep ..... me such stupid questions?
5 I would offer ..... you with the housework but I'm rather busy.
6 Students are not allowed ..... during the exam.
7 They don't allow ..... in this park because some boys used to ride around too fast.
8 I really hate ..... caught in the rain.
9 Your childish behaviour is beginning ..... me.
10 She is afraid ..... the lift so she uses the stairs.
11 Remember ..... the cat or she'll starve to death.
12 It's hot in here. Do you mind ..... the window?
13 The bank manager agreed ..... me £5,000.
14 She put off ..... her bags until a few hours before her flight.
15 Our dog Timmy loves ..... with his ball in the garden.
16 She wrote him a note to remind him ..... his laundry at 2 o'clock.
17 Steven is exhausted because he isn't used to ..... so much exercise.
18 She looked so funny in her new hat we couldn't help ..... .
19 You should practise ..... this tune on the piano until you perfect it.
20 I regret ..... you that your bank account is overdrawn.

Participles

Present participles (verb + ing) describe what somebody or something is.
*It was a **boring** lecture. (What kind of lecture? Boring.)*

Past participles (verb + ed) describe how someone feels.
*They were **bored** by the lecture. (How did they feel during the lecture? Bored.)*

30 Underline the correct participle.

1 He was encouraging/encouraged towards his children.
2 They found the film very excited/exciting.
3 He was exhausting/exhausted after the marathon.
4 They were worrying/worried that they would be late.
5 Her behaviour is extremely annoying/annoyed.
6 We were shocking/shocked by his behaviour.
7 She told us a very entertaining/entertained story.
8 They were all surprising/surprised when he turned up at the party.
9 That book is really interested/interesting.
10 They were fascinated/fascinating by the view.

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31 ***Put the verbs in brackets into the infinitive or -ing form.***

Scotland was the perfect place **1)** ...*to grow up*... (grow up). My parents had spent years **2)** .... (save up) because they wanted **3)** ..... (buy) a small farmhouse in the Scottish Highlands. Shortly after I was born their dream came true and our new life in the country began. To begin with, I was probably too young **4)** ..... (appreciate) the fresh air and breathtaking views, but as I grew up I began **5)** ..... (enjoy) exploring the unspoilt countryside. I soon got used to **6)** ..... (have) to walk miles to the shops, and since it was too far **7)** ..... (travel) to the nearest primary school, my parents did their best **8)** ..... (educate) me at home. However, I never felt lonely and was usually too busy **9)** ..... (help) my father on the land to worry about **10)** ..... (not/have) any friends. My brothers and sisters were also starting **11)** ..... (grow up) fast and we had no difficulty **12)** ..... (amuse) ourselves for hours on end. When I reached the age of eleven, my parents decided it was time **13)** ..... (send) me to secondary school as they didn't feel they were capable of **14)** ..... (provide) me with the range of skills I would need for my future life. This would involve **15)** ..... (travel) twenty miles to the nearest town and twenty miles back. I was sorry **16)** ..... (say) goodbye to my old way of life, but at the same time I looked forward **17)** ..... (mix) with new people. After **18)** ..... (finish) school I was forced **19)** ..... (move) to Edinburgh to look for work and I have now made the city my home. Although I love the cosmopolitan lifestyle, I sometimes can't help **20)** ..... (wish) I was back in the Highlands.

In Other Words

- It is exciting to watch a football match.
  Watching a football match is exciting.
- It's too cold for him to go swimming.
  It isn't warm enough for him to go swimming.
  It is so cold that he can't go swimming.
- They made her tell the truth.
  She was made to tell the truth.
- I prefer walking to riding a bike.
  I prefer to walk rather than ride a bike.
- Could you open the door?
  Would you mind opening the door?
- We were bored by the film.
  We found the film boring.
  The film bored us.
- He had difficulty (in) hearing the music.
  It was difficult for him to hear the music.
  He found it difficult to hear the music.
  He could hardly hear the music.
- They allowed him to attend the meeting.
  He was allowed to attend the meeting.
- It took her an hour to reach the station.
  She took an hour to reach the station.
  Reaching the station took her an hour.

32 ***Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.***

1 He arrived too late to catch the 9.30 train.
arrive He ...*didn't arrive early enough*... to catch the 9.30 train.

2 Preparing the meal took her three hours.
prepare She ..... the meal.

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