

GRAMMAR: Uses of the *-ing* form and the infinitive

- 1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.
- I was disappointed about ____ the exam.
a to fail b failing
 - Before ____, maybe we should have something to eat.
a to leave b leaving
 - She just left the office ____ some lunch.
a getting b to get
 - ____ is the best form of exercise.
a To walk b Walking
 - I agree there's a problem, although I think it's unfair ____ Jim.
a blaming b to blame
 - It's not expensive ____ on a camping trip.
a going b to go
 - It was impossible not ____ her my secret!
a to tell b telling
 - ____ time with friends is so important.
a Spending b To spend
 - Not ____ meat can be difficult in some countries.
a to eat b eating

- 2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use each verb twice, once in the *-ing* form and once in the infinitive.

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- She was too afraid _____ to her boss about the situation.
- We were both hungry, so we went home _____.
- _____ a lot of money is hard work.
- After _____ the matter, we came to a decision.
- Are you interested in _____ a movie this evening?
- _____ to a room of two hundred people is terrifying.
- I'd be interested _____ her face when she hears the news!
- I was delighted _____ a little extra money.
- Fernando and I met _____ the problem.
- _____ a lot of sugar is bad for your health.

VOCABULARY: Relationship verbs

- 3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.
- I met a really nice girl on Saturday and thought I might ____ her **out**.
a keep b ask c go
 - Karla and Javier ended their relationship, but ____ **back together** last month.
a got b fell c broke
 - Did you know that Bernie and Karen are ____ **married** next year?
a making b getting c going
 - Joe and Eve used to go ____ **together**, but they broke up.
a on b in c out
 - Connie is **going on** a ____ tonight with a guy she met at work.
a date b marriage c break
 - I've known Pablo for ten years. We ____ **friends** when we lived in Mexico City.
a became b got c went

- 4 Complete the sentences.

- Although Laura and I live in different countries, we manage to stay in _____.
- They met and _____ in love while they were in college.
- We have similar interests and opinions. In general, we _____ a lot in common.
- Nancy is single again. She broke _____ with her boyfriend a week ago.
- Alejandro seems interesting. I'd like to _____ to know him better.
- Isabella's great! I've always gotten _____ really well with her.

PRONUNCIATION: Word stress

- 5  12.2 Match 1–8 with stress patterns a–e. Listen, check and repeat.

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| 1 important | _____ | a | o o |
| 2 colleague | _____ | b | o o |
| 3 impossible | _____ | c | o o o |
| 4 except | _____ | d | o o o |
| 5 technology | _____ | e | o o o o |
| 6 better | _____ | | |
| 7 afraid | _____ | | |
| 8 probably | _____ | | |