



## -ing form or Infinitive



Grammar Reference

### 1 Complete each sentence with an appropriate *infinitive* or *-ing form*.

- 1 I can't afford not ..... a job at the moment.
- 2 Do you mind us ..... you while you work?
- 3 Have you considered ..... house?
- 4 I hate it when the phone keeps .....
- 5 Our boss has threatened ..... him before.
- 6 He persuaded everyone ..... overtime.
- 7 We chose ..... the dinner party at Mark's.
- 8 The job will involve you ..... some time abroad.
- 9 She encouraged me ..... for the promotion.
- 10 They have delayed ..... a decision.

**2** Complete each sentence with an *infinitive* or *-ing form*. How does the meaning of the verb change?

- 1 a I'd like ..... (work) as a secretary.  
b I like ..... (work) as a secretary.
- 2 a He didn't remember ..... (call) for a technician so the computer was still broken.  
b That's strange I don't remember ..... (call) for a technician.
- 3 a I'll get it done even if it means ..... (stay up) late.  
b I'm sure she didn't mean you ..... (stay up) late to get it done.
- 4 a He stopped ..... (buy) a newspaper on his way home.  
b He stopped ..... (buy) a newspaper.
- 5 a Could you try ..... (send) this fax before two o'clock? It's urgent.  
b Why don't you try ..... (send) her an e-mail at home? She'll get it quickly.

### 3 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 It's too expensive to eat there. (We can't afford ...)
- 2 Everyone laughed when she tripped over the cable. (They couldn't help ...)
- 3 He's not the kind of person who would buy expensive clothes. (He avoids ...)
- 4 I left my wallet at home. (I didn't remember ...)
- 5 We'll be happy to see you next month. (We are looking ...)