-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 ...)**