

infinitives and -ing forms

to-infinitive

A after certain verbs, e.g. *seem, want, agree, intend, decide, mean, expect, plan, hope, manage, promise, would like/love/prefer,*

Someone has **managed to make** a piece of the material.

B after certain verbs + object, e.g. *want, expect, encourage,*

Scientists **expect it to be** more accurate soon.

C after *where, what, when, how, which,*

No one can work out **how to produce** a battery.

infinitive without to

D after certain verbs + object, e.g. *make, help,*

This **makes it disappear** from view.

-ing form

E after certain verbs, e.g. *enjoy, imagine, involve, avoid,*

Imagine **knowing** what your friends really think.


F after prepositions, including verb/adjective + preposition

Have you ever **dreamt of being** a superhero?

Obviously, people are a bit **nervous about trying** that.

1 Read the grammar box and these sentences. Complete the gaps in the grammar box (A–E) with the correct form of the words in bold in the sentences (1–5).

- 1** Everything **appears** to be three times closer.
- 2** It **allows** you to lift 200 kg as if it were just 4 kg.
- 3** Scientists **have suggested** powering it with a nuclear reactor.
- 4** I'm not sure **who** to ask for permission.
- 5** New types of earbuds **let** you control the sounds you hear.

3  **6.2** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen again and check your answers.

- 1** When they lose a leg or eye, their body lets them (grow) a new one.
- 2** A lot of scientists are interested in (study) these extraordinary animals.
- 3** Their amazing abilities haven't helped them (survive) in the wild.
- 4** The scientists created a safer environment for the axolotls by (clean) the water.
- 5** This didn't seem (help).
- 6** They intend (keep) looking until April.
- 7** If people can avoid (pollute) the water in the future, perhaps the axolotls have a chance.

4 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Olympian insects

- A** Some animals make even the strongest human ¹**seem** / **to seem** hopelessly weak. There's a type of beetle that's capable of ²**to pull** / **pulling** 1141 times its own body weight. That's the same as a human pulling six big buses full of people!
- B** If you plan ³**kill** / **to kill** a fly, don't expect ⁴**to do** / **doing** it easily. Its eyes allow it ⁵**see** / **to see** things happening in slow motion, so it almost always manages ⁶**to move** / **moving** away in time.
- C** We expect animals ⁷**using** / **to use** their noses to smell, like we do, but the silkworm moth smells with the antennae on its head instead. They help it ⁸**detect** / **detecting** a mate ten kilometres away.



5 Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

apply be find out make pay sail
see spend swim watch

WHALE OF A TIME!

I've always enjoyed ¹..... about whales, and my parents have encouraged me ²..... lots of TV documentaries about them. They're famous for ³..... very big, but it's their communication that interests me most. For some species, this involves ⁴..... noises that can be heard thousands of kilometres away. They use sound to work out which way ⁵..... to find food or a mate.

After ⁶..... an advert in a wildlife magazine, I really wanted ⁷..... for a place on a whale conservation project on a boat in Scotland. Luckily, my parents agreed ⁸..... for the trip, and it's all arranged for next summer. I'm really looking forward to ⁹..... time on the boat. Imagine ¹⁰..... through the ocean with whales all around you!