Verb patterns: the infinitive and the *-ing* form

1 ★ **Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.**

1. Do you mind *to wait / waiting* for a few minutes?
2. I've decided *to study / studying* Physics in Edinburgh.
3. Have you finished *to read / reading* the report I gave you?
4. To learn a language, you have to practise *to speak / speaking*.
5. I promise *to be / being* more careful in the future.
6. Did you manage *to see / seeing* anything through the microscope?
7. I don't usually enjoy *to do / doing* experiments but today's was fun.
8. Would you like *to eat / eating* before the film or afterwards?

2 ★ **Match the two parts of the sentences.**

A

1 ☐ I can't stand	**a** to study Physics at university.
2 ☐ I hope	**b** study Maths at university.
3 ☐ I might	**c** studying Chemistry.

B

1 ☐ You must	**a** to do the ironing.
2 ☐ You've finished	**b** do the dishes.
3 ☐ You promised	**c** doing your homework.

C

1 ☐ Did you manage	**a** finishing the project?
2 ☐ Should I	**b** to finish the project?
3 ☐ Do you mind	**c** finish the project?

4 ★ **Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.**

1. I continued ___ after we were told to stop because I was in the middle of a sentence.
   a writing **b** write **c** to write
2. The students have learned ___ different planets and stars in the sky.
   a identifying **b** to identify **c** identify
3. Mr Collins avoided ___ experiments after he caused a small explosion.
   a do **b** to do **c** doing
4. Why did you give up ___? You were really good.
   a swimming **b** swim **c** to swim
5. Never stop ___ to protect wildlife.
   a try **b** to try **c** trying
6. I don't mind ___ tests but we shouldn't have so many.
   a do **b** to do **c** doing

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