

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Gerunds and infinitives



1 ☆ Circle the correct options.

- 1 Getting / To get lost on the way to school is not normal.
- 2 It's important *taking* / *to take* advantage of the opportunities you are given.
- 3 George says he enjoys *cooking* / *to cook* but he doesn't have time.
- 4 I tasted the sauce *checking* / *to check* if it was too spicy.
- 5 She decided not *to wear* / *wearing* her new boots to the party.
- 6 I'm annoyed about *to lose* / *losing* the game.



2 ☆☆☆ Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- MAE ¹ *Going* (go) to that mindfulness class was a great idea.
- ISA Yes, it was. I'm eager ² _____ (try) it. I'd like ³ _____ (learn) a few more of Dr Fraser's techniques.
- MAE Well, first he told us to practise ⁴ _____ (breathe) ... like this.
- ISA Don't forget ⁵ _____ (hold) it for a few seconds.
- MAE I feel a bit ridiculous, but after ⁶ _____ (do) it a few times I'll feel better.
- ISA ⁷ _____ (learn) something new is always a bit strange at the beginning.
- MAE I suppose it is. He suggested ⁸ _____ (try) it at home on our own before the next meeting.
- ISA OK, I'm going home ⁹ _____ (practise). I'll send a message later ¹⁰ _____ (tell) you how I get on.



3 ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

bring hear look ~~take~~ win write

- 1 After an hour of studying, I stopped to take a short break.
- 2 I'll never forget _____ the cup final last year – I was so thrilled.
- 3 I remember _____ a strange noise and then all the lights went out.
- 4 John didn't do his homework because he forgot _____ it down yesterday.
- 5 Rania stopped _____ at her mobile phone to listen to the news.
- 6 Did you remember _____ a sandwich to school today? We have an extra class.

4 ☆☆☆ Match the sentences with the correct meaning.



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| 1 I stopped to talk to Matt. | a I stopped what I was doing to talk to Matt. |
| 2 I stopped talking to Matt. | b I don't talk to Matt anymore. |
| 3 I forgot to call Lisa. | c I don't remember calling Lisa. |
| 4 I forgot I called Lisa. | d I didn't call Lisa. |

5 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions so they are true for you. Write full sentences.

- 1 Do you enjoy swimming in the sea in summer? Why / Why not?

- 2 What did you forget to do last week?

- 3 Which sport would you be interested in learning to play?

- 4 What do you hope to do when you leave school?

- 5 What things have you stopped doing since you were a child?
