Vocabulary and gerunds and to infinitive

A Fill in each blank with an appropriate word from the box

comfortable, extremely thin, fairly loud, open-plan, not exactly stress-free, spacious, state-of-the-art

vocabulary

"My office space is quite modern and 1. _____, but it has serious sound problems. Because we work in an 2. _____ layout, the partitions separating my room from adjacent offices are 3. _____. When I take my English classes or hold internal team meetings, my voice becomes 4. _____ to people working nearby. Furthermore, taking personal calls is 5. _____ because I know my colleagues can hear every word. To make the workplace more 6. _____, management should invest in 7. _____ sound-absorbing materials and acoustic facilities."

B Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in brackets—either a gerund (-ing), an infinitive (to + base verb), or an adjective + preposition + gerund.

Tenses

1. I detest _____ (listen) to my neighbor crunching on ice all morning, but these paper-thin walls make it impossible to ignore.
2. The facilities manager refused _____ (install) soundproof panels in my office, claiming it wasn't in the budget.
3. Every time I am on an online meeting, I risk _____ (overhear) confidential information from the office next door.
4. My supervisor suggested _____ (wear) noise-canceling headphones, but they don't help when I need to speak.
5. I can't afford _____ (have) client calls interrupted by someone loudly coughing in the hallway.
6. The walls are so thin that I always attempt _____ (keep) my voice down during my English class so my colleagues don't hear me practicing grammar.
7. Everyone in our department is tired of _____ (hear) the high-pitched hum of the old fluorescent lights and the constant scraping of chairs upstairs.

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