



GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

1. Read the following sentences and focus on the word which is before the blank spaces: Is it an object?

An adjective? A preposition? A verb? What type of verb is it?

2. Read the sentences again and complete them by putting the verbs in the correct form.

1. Carlos has suggested _____ (start) a five-a-side football team. What do you think?
2. I succeeded in _____ (persuade) my father to lend me his new camera.
3. I don't think the weather is good _____ (go) sailing this afternoon.
4. We've decided _____ (hold) the race early in the morning before it gets too hot.
5. I've joined a gym _____ (get) myself fitter.
6. She was disqualified from the race for _____ (push) an opponent.
7. Rick insisted on _____ (come) with us to the zoo.
8. Our trainer makes us _____ (keep) a food diary, so we're aware of good nutrition.

3. Read the following article. In only one sentence, summarize what the article is about.

4. Read the article again and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

In late January 2006, thousands of people in London were astonished when they saw an enormous whale swimming in the River Thames. Millions of TV viewers from around the world found it hard _____ (believe) their eyes. Onlookers enjoyed _____ (watch) the northern bottle-nosed whale as it made its way past Waterloo Bridge.

The magnificent creature appeared _____ (be) lost and very weak. Everyone wanted _____ (believe) that the whale would find its way back to the sea. The two-ton whale was obviously exhausted and injured, but people refused _____ (give up) hope. During the night, rescuers at Battersea Bridge managed _____ (lift) Willy onto a special boat. They hoped _____ (transfer) Willy to a bigger ship, which would take him to the Atlantic Ocean. Willy was having problems _____ (breathe) and suffering from dehydration. Willy's condition suddenly got worse, so vets decided to put the animal to sleep with an injection. He died before they could do so.

Willy – who turned out to be a female whale – made millions of people _____ (feel) a sense of wonder for the natural world.



5. Complete the second sentence in each question so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in capitals. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

Swimming is Carol's favourite sport

MORE

Carol enjoys _____ other sport.

It's against the rules to touch the ball with your hand.

ALLOWED

You _____ the ball with your hand.

She won the match without difficulty.

EASY

She found _____ the match.

The weather is so wet that it's not worth going for a walk today.

POINT

The weather is so wet that there's _____ for a walk today.

I really don't like travelling by bus in the morning.

Stand

I _____ by bus in the morning.

I decided to go to Africa on my own.

Decision

It _____ to go to Africa on my own.

I didn't have enough money to go to Rwanda by plane.

Afford

I _____ to Rwanda by plane.

It was difficult for me not to smile when they told me the news.

Help

I couldn't _____ heard the news.