Grammar

verb patterns with *-ing* and infinitive

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1 Underline the best ending for sentences 1–4.

1 I stopped running because *it was raining too hard/I needed the exercise.*

2 I tried to write an email but *he wouldn't accept my apology/I couldn't think what to say.*

3 I remembered buying the milk *but I couldn't remember where I put it/so I put it in the fridge.*

4 I regret to tell you that *I was breaking up with you/you have not got the job.*

2 Complete sentences 1–6 with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I started _____ when I was only three. (*dance*)

2 Do you ever regret _____ her about the problem? (*tell*)

3 Sadly, although I wanted _____ his friend, he didn't like me. (*be*)

4 I want _____ a new mobile phone, but what should I get? (*buy*)

5 I actually enjoy _____ to the cinema on my own. (*go*)

6 I can't stand _____ football – it's so boring! (*watch*)

3 Find and correct the mistakes with *-ing* and infinitives in sentences 1–6. Tick the sentences that are correct.

1 She made him help her do the cooking, but he wasn't very good at it!

2 I stopped to smoke over five years ago and now I feel great!

3 He tried to phone her number, but she didn't answer.

4 I'll never forget to see the Royal Wedding on television – it was beautiful.

5 I regret informing you that your application for the job has been unsuccessful.

6 I'm keen on doing as much sport as possible to keep fit.

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