

The GERUND or the INFINITIVE ?

Step 1, level B1: Observe this cartoon, then fill the blanks with verbs in the infinitive or gerund form.

A woman is in the kitchen. Obviously, she's been very busy (cook) _____ . She's probably spent a lot of time (prepare) _____ a meal. She keeps (work) _____ , (do) _____ household chores. Her husband, who is relaxing in an armchair, would love (have) _____ a cup of coffee. Instead of (help) _____ her, he keeps (read) _____ his paper. He doesn't try (give) _____ her a hand. He asks her (get) _____ him some coffee. He doesn't realize she never stops (work) _____. He expects her (wait on: servir) _____ him. This woman must be tired of (be) _____ in charge of everything in the house. She must be fed up (see) _____ her husband relaxing while she's working all day long. She must resent (be) _____ treated like a slave.



Step 2 Level B1: Read this extract from a press article and choose between the infinitive or the gerund.

Nowadays, people tend (take) _____ risks. They are sick of (live) _____ in a society that has eliminated risks. They look forward to (find) _____ adventure so as to feel like (be) _____ alive. They expect (feel) _____ terrific sensations and most of the time, they aren't scared of (to die) _____. They'd like (have) _____ fun and they particularly appreciate (jump) _____ and (dive) _____. (experience) _____ new sensations is their only goal.

Step 3, level B1: Translate the following sentences

- Auras-tu assez de temps pour faire les courses?
- Voudrais-tu aller te promener cet après-midi?
- Je suis content(e) puisque j'ai arrêté de fumer.
- J'aime sortir avec mes amis le week-end.
- Je ne m'attends pas à ce qu'ils viennent tôt. Ils ont l'habitude d'être en retard.

Step 4, level B2:

Look at this cartoon and choose the correct form for each verb



The family is gathering (celebrate) _____ Thanksgiving. Instead of (speak) _____ to one another, all the family is on their phones. They keep (check) _____ their screens although the meal has begun. One woman keeps (stare) _____ at her tablet. The man next to her carries on (read) _____ an online article and doesn't pay much attention to what's going on. Even the grandfather is busy (text) _____ and thinks there's no need (stop) _____. The grandmother, who has been cooking for hours must be fed up with (see) _____ all her guests glued to their screens. How impolite!

Nowadays, we are so addicted to our screens that we can't stop (use) _____ them. (text) _____, (check) _____ our emails and social networks have become crucial. Through this cartoon, the artist blames people for (be) _____ the slaves to technology. He wants (highlight) _____ how family life has changed and how hazardous mobile phones have become.

Good Luck

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