

## 7A

### First day nerves

Starting a new job is always scary.  
It's like the first day of school.  
Sean Maher, American actor

G uses of the infinitive with to V verbs + infinitive: try to, forget to, etc. P weak form of to, linking

b Complete the sentences with the infinitive (with to) of a verb from the list.

find not finish not tell rent  
see take out wash-up

- 1 John's very polite. He offered to wash up after the meal.
- 2 Thanks for coming. We hope you again soon.
- 3 She wasn't enjoying the lasagne, so she decided it.
- 4 My boyfriend is unemployed. He needs a job.
- 5 I'll tell you what she said, but please promise anybody.
- 6 They want to live together. They're planning a flat.
- 7 You forgot the rubbish last night.  
It's still in the kitchen.

d Read the conversations. Re-order the words to make answers.

- 1 What countries would you like to visit?

like / New / I'd / visit / to / Zealand

I'd like to visit New Zealand.

- 2 What are you planning to do this weekend?

tennis / to / I'm / friends / my / play / with / hoping

- 3 What are you doing tonight?

to / planning / stay / in / I'm

- 4 Are you learning anything that is very difficult at the moment?

learn / trying / Japanese / to / I'm

- 5 Why are you learning English?

get / to / a / job / better

- 6 What do you find difficult about English?

difficult / vocabulary / it's / to / remember

## 7B

### Happiness is...

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are all in harmony.  
Mahatma Gandhi, Indian political leader

G uses of the gerund (verb + -ing) V verbs + gerund P -ing, the letter o

## 2 GRAMMAR uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

a Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I hate being (be) late for meetings. I think it's really rude.
- 2 We stopped study (study) German because we didn't like the classes.
- 3 James is celebrating because he's finished write (write) his book.
- 4 I'm bored. I feel like go (go) for a walk.
- 5 I don't mind get (get) up early in the morning.
- 6 Kate really enjoys listen (listen) to music while she's running.

b Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

1 Do you ever think about	<u>c</u>
2 Read the instructions before	<u></u>
3 He started his speech by	<u></u>
4 I'm not very good at	<u></u>
5 Miriam left the party without	<u></u>
6 I'm really looking forward to	<u></u>

a using the machine for the first time.  
b seeing you tonight.  
c ~~stopping work and retiring?~~  
d thanking everybody for coming.  
e saying goodbye to me.  
f parking my dad's car. It's very big.

c Complete the text with the -ing form of the verbs from the list.

drive feel go have imagine leave listen not get up  
not talk read send stay take turn off walk work write

# What makes you *feel good?*

We asked our readers, and here's what they said.

- <sup>1</sup>Writing and then <sup>2</sup>sending a funny email or message to my friends. And of course, <sup>3</sup>their faces when they read it.
- I really like <sup>4</sup>my car at night when there's no traffic, <sup>5</sup>to my favourite music. I feel completely free.
- <sup>6</sup>in bed on Sunday morning and <sup>7</sup>the newspaper. <sup>8</sup>until about 12 and then <sup>9</sup>my dog for a long walk.
- I enjoy <sup>10</sup>to the gym and really <sup>11</sup>hard, then <sup>12</sup>a long hot shower followed by a nice cold drink. There's nothing better.
- I love <sup>13</sup>alone in the mountains, <sup>14</sup>the wind in my hair and <sup>15</sup>to anyone.
- <sup>16</sup>my computer at the end of the day and <sup>17</sup>work! It's the best moment of the day. I love it!

