GERUND AND TO-INFINITIVE

Exercise 1. Complete the essay paragraph with the correct form of these verbs.

attempt   consent   forbid   involve
observe   resent   risk   tempt

In the past, conservation work [1].......................... foreign professors travelling to distant lands to study wild animals. They had to find someone local to [2].......................... to show them where the animals could be found. Many locals [3].......................... having to stop hunting their local wildlife. Often the law [4].......................... people to harm animals that were stealing their livestock or they [5].......................... being attacked as populations of wild animals became less and less afraid. Many universities have [6].......................... to change this by training and employing people locally, not as guides, but as the experts themselves. Once the people were given financial security and incentives to look after the animals, they were no longer [7].......................... to kill them. The people living alongside the animals were able to [8].......................... the animals behaving naturally, and collect quality information.

Exercise 2. Read the article. Where do polar bears normally live? What do some biologists propose doing to save them?

Let's FedEx polar bears to the South Pole

The climate is heating up faster than we can react, and few have stopped **¹to think / thinking** about the consequences. Some biologists are coming round to the view that if we seriously mean **²to save / saving** certain animals, then it's time to take drastic action – even if this means **³to transplant / transplanting** creatures around the planet. Is it time to FedEx polar bears to Antarctica? It may seem unthinkable, but a few scientists are starting to consider relocating animals in this way. Many biologists have tried everything **⁴to save / saving** the habitats where these animals live, with no notable success. We can't go on **⁵to create / creating** barriers of urban and agricultural land across their natural environment and expect them to survive. And so for some, it's now time to forget **⁶to leave / leaving** nature to sort the problem out, and look at all possible solutions.