

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Contrasts with verbs from Grammar 38 are included here.

1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 Tom suddenly realized he'd forgotten to lock/locking his door.
- 2 On the way back we stopped to have/having some tea.
- 3 Could you stop to talk/talking, please.
- 4 Learning a language means to be/being interested in another culture.
- 5 Ann tried to open/opening the window, but it was too high to reach.
- 6 Please remember to take/taking the dog for a walk.
- 7 Cathy says she'll never forget to sky-dive/sky-diving for the first time.
- 8 I don't really remember to start/starting school when I was five.

2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- 1 Would you like to go to the beach?
Do you fancy going to the beach?
- 2 The boy admitted stealing the bike.
The boy admitted stolen the bike.
- 3 Why don't we wait for the bus?
..... waiting for the bus.
- 4 David often interrupts me.
David me.
- 5 Is it all right if you come back later?
..... coming back later?
- 6 Think what being a millionaire would be like!
..... a millionaire!
- 7 It's not my fault if I eat a lot.
I eating a lot.

3 Underline the correct verb in each sentence.

- 1 Helen enjoyed/chose to learn French.
- 2 I really can't stand/afford to travel by plane.
- 3 Do you mind/want coming back in half an hour?
- 4 Tina suggested/meant to buy some potatoes, but she forgot.
- 5 Emily denied/refused opening the office safe.
- 6 Bill admitted/agreed making a serious mistake.
- 7 My parents disliked/decided to send me to a different school.
- 8 I really like/fancy a trip to the country.

GRAMMAR 39 VERBS FOLLOWED BY -ING OR INFINITIVE 2

4 Complete each sentence with a form of one of the verbs in the box.

deny expect imagine mean try practise pretend refuse

- 1 If you try to work a bit harder, I'm sure you'll pass the exam.
- 2 Kevin to have toothache, and left school early.
- 3 The builders are not sure of the exact date, but to start work soon.
- 4 Laura to call you last week, but she forgot.
- 5 The woman arrested by the police robbing the bank.
- 6 You should speaking to an audience, to gain confidence.
- 7 It's interesting to myself living on a desert island.
- 8 I phoned the director six times, but she to speak to me.

5 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

- 1 Don't forget to buy some milk on your way home.
- 2 If I'm late, it I have to wait until the next lesson begins.
- 3 I throwing the ball, but I didn't break the window.
- 4 Paul can't thinking about his favourite team.
- 5 Lisa forgetting where she put her keys.
- 6 Gina to climb in through the window, but it was locked.
- 7 I playing with my friends when I was little.
- 8 I can't walking home in the rain! It's horrible!

6 Complete each sentence with a form of one of the verbs in the box.

fancy hear keep mind see stop

- 1 Helen doesn't go to the gym any more.
..... Helen has stopped going to the gym.
- 2 Someone told me that you have passed your driving test.
.....
- 3 I don't understand how we can do it.
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- 4 Does getting home late annoy you?
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- 5 I'd really like to spend the day at the beach tomorrow.
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- 6 Your dog is always chasing my cat.
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