



## Verb patterns: -ing forms and infinitives

### 3 Complete the sentences with appropriate forms of verbs from the box.

clean drink eat feel help lock meet  
speak take use

- 1 Will they allow us \_\_\_\_\_ our bikes on the train?
- 2 Danny agreed \_\_\_\_\_ me choose a new mobile.
- 3 Although it isn't good for me, I'm going to carry on \_\_\_\_\_ as much chocolate as I want!
- 4 Allie agreed \_\_\_\_\_ me outside the cinema at seven o'clock.
- 5 As we drove away from the house, I noticed Mrs Bolton \_\_\_\_\_ her windows.
- 6 We work in the same office – I can't avoid \_\_\_\_\_ to her.
- 7 I arranged \_\_\_\_\_ my brother's computer while mine was being repaired.
- 8 Once she got used to her new surroundings Lizzie stopped \_\_\_\_\_ homesick.
- 9 If you can't sleep, try \_\_\_\_\_ hot milk before you go to bed – that often helps.
- 10 Remember \_\_\_\_\_ the door tonight – we don't want to be burgled!

### 4 Tick (✓) the best explanation (a or b).

- 1 I regret telling Claudia the news.
  - a I feel sorry about something I said in the past.
  - b I am about to tell Claudia some bad news.
- 2 We stopped buying petrol.
  - a We stopped the car and bought some petrol.
  - b We bought a new electric car.
- 3 I tried painting the wall.
  - a I was attempting to cover up a damp patch.
  - b I couldn't reach high enough to paint it all.
- 4 Do you remember taking the tablets?
  - a I am asking you about the past.
  - b I am reminding you to do something in the future.
- 5 I stopped to eat.
  - a I was full up.
  - b I was hungry.
- 6 Dariusz tried to start the car.
  - a It had broken down.
  - b He wanted to know if the engine was still making a strange noise.

### 3 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 allowed / to / early. / Our / teacher / us / leave
- 2 learn / me / My / parents / a / musical / instrument. / encouraged / to
- 3 upgrade / the / check-in clerk / to / him / to / persuaded / business class. / Danny
- 4 advised / some / weight. / lose / to / The / doctor / Sara
- 5 someone / saw / the / over / wall. / I / climbing
- 6 the / boss. / arguing / with / his / Viktor / colleague / heard

### 4 Match the sentence beginnings (1–14) with the sentence endings (a–b).

- 1 I stopped watching TV
- 2 I stopped to watch TV 
  - a and answered the phone.
  - b because there was a fascinating documentary on.
- 3 I regret to say
- 4 I regret saying 
  - a you were lazy, it was very rude of me.
  - b that you have not been selected for the team.
- 5 I remember locking the door before
- 6 Remember to lock the door before 
  - a you go home.
  - b I left.
- 7 Hilary tried closing the door but 
  - a there was still a cold draught in the room.
  - b it was jammed and she couldn't do it.
- 8 Hilary tried to close the door but 
  - a there was still a cold draught in the room.
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- 9 I saw my neighbour hanging out her washing
- 10 I saw my neighbour hang out her washing 
  - a and go back into the house.
  - b while I was gardening.
- 11 We heard the orchestra playing Beethoven's ninth symphony
- 12 We heard the orchestra play Beethoven's ninth symphony 
  - a as we walked past the concert hall.
  - b and then we went for a drink in the interval.
- 13 I noticed a strange man taking photographs of the empty house
- 14 I noticed a strange man take photographs of the empty house 
  - a and drive away in a red sports car.
  - b while I was taking the dog for a walk.