

GRAMMAR: Uses of the *-ing* form and the infinitive

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- I was disappointed about the exam.
a to fail b failing
- Before , maybe we should have something to eat.
a to leave b leaving
- She just left the office some lunch.
a getting b to get
- is the best form of exercise.
a To walk b Walking
- I agree there's a problem, although I think it's unfair Jim.
a blaming b to blame
- It's not expensive on a camping trip.
a going b to go
- It was impossible not her my secret!
a to tell b telling
- time with friends is so important.
a Spending b To spend
- Not meat can be difficult in some countries.
a to eat b eating

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use each verb twice, once in the *-ing* form and once in the infinitive.

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- She was too afraid to her boss about the situation.
- We were both hungry, so we went home .
- a lot of money is hard work.
- After the matter, we came to a decision.
- Are you interested in a movie this evening?
- to a room of two hundred people is terrifying.
- I'd be interested her face when she hears the news!
- I was delighted a little extra money.
- Fernando and I met the problem.
- a lot of sugar is bad for your health.

VOCABULARY: Relationship verbs

3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- I met a really nice girl on Saturday and thought I might her **out**.
a keep b ask c go
- Karla and Javier ended their relationship, but **back together** last month.
a got b fell c broke
- Did you know that Bernie and Karen are **married** next year?
a making b getting c going
- Joe and Eve used to go **together**, but they broke up.
a on b in c out
- Connie is **going on** a tonight with a guy she met at work.
a date b marriage c break
- I've known Pablo for ten years. We **friends** when we lived in Mexico City.
a became b got c went

4 Complete the sentences.

- Although Laura and I live in different countries, we manage to stay in .
- They met and in love while they were in college.
- We have similar interests and opinions. In general, we a lot in common.
- Nancy is single again. She broke with her boyfriend a week ago.
- Alejandro seems interesting. I'd like to to know him better.
- Isabella's great! I've always gotten really well with her.

PRONUNCIATION: Word stress

5 12.2 Match 1–8 with stress patterns a–e. Listen, check and repeat.

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| 1 important | <u> </u> | a O o |
| 2 colleague | <u> </u> | b o O |
| 3 impossible | <u> </u> | c o O o |
| 4 except | <u> </u> | d O o o |
| 5 technology | <u> </u> | e o O o o |
| 6 better | <u> </u> | |
| 7 afraid | <u> </u> | |
| 8 probably | <u> </u> | |