Look at these extracts from the podcast. Complete rules 1–6 with a–f below.

1 We use the *-ing* form in these extracts because ...
__Having__ something like that on your travels has to be good.
... what's more embarrassing – the translation or __saying__ your mate's mum is 'nice'?

2 We use the *-ing* form in these extracts because ...
Good for __scaring__ your little brother ...
What's wrong with __using__ your own voice?

3 We use the *-ing* form in this extract because ...
... what's more __embarrassing__ ...?

4 We use the *-ing* form in these extracts because ...
Someone's __following__ you – a robber or worse.
... some creep's __considering__ robbing me ...

5 We use the infinitive with *to* in this extract because ...
You can use the app on your phone __to lock__ or unlock it from anywhere.

6 We use the *-ing* form and the infinitive with *to* in these extracts because ...
You don't think he might be more tempted __to rob__ me?
Imagine __walking__ home at night ...
It's an app that allows you __to speak__ in a foreign language you don't know.
... some creep's considering __robbing__ me ...

a it's part of a continuous tense.

b some *-ing* forms are adjectives.

c we want to use a verb as a subject or object of a sentence. (It's like a noun.)

d we always use an *-ing* form of the verb after a preposition. (It's like a noun.)

e some verbs are always followed by an *-ing* form and others are always followed by an infinitive with *to* – that's just the way it is!

f we want to explain the purpose or reason for something.

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