

GRAMMAR: USES OF THE -ING FORM AND THE INFINITIVE

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 I was disappointed about ____ the exam.
a to fail b failing
- 2 Before ___, maybe we should have something to eat.
a to leave b leaving
- 3 She just left the office ____ some lunch.
a getting b to get
- 4 ____ is the best form of exercise.
a To walk b Walking
- 5 I agree there's a problem, although I think it's unfair ____ Jim.
a blaming b to blame
- 6 It's not expensive ____ on a camping trip.
a going b to go
- 7 It was impossible not ____ her my secret!
a to tell b telling
- 8 ____ time with friends is so important.
a Spending b To spend
- 9 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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- 1 She was too afraid _____ to her boss about the situation.
- 2 We were both hungry, so we went home _____.
- 3 _____ a lot of money is hard work.
- 4 After _____ the matter, we came to a decision.
- 5 Are you interested in _____ a movie this evening?
- 6 _____ to a room of two hundred people is terrifying.
- 7 I'd be interested _____ her face when she hears the news!
- 8 I was delighted _____ a little extra money.
- 9 Fernando and I met _____ the problem.
- 10 _____ a lot of sugar is bad for your health.

VOCABULARY: RELATIONSHIP VERBS

3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 I met a really nice girl on Saturday and thought I might ____ her **out**.
a keep b ask c go
- 2 Karla and Javier ended their relationship, but ____ **back together** last month.
a got b fell c broke
- 3 Did you know that Bernie and Karen are ____ **married** next year?
a making b getting c going
- 4 Joe and Eve used to go ____ **together**, but they broke up.
a on b in c out
- 5 Connie is **going on** a ____ tonight with a guy she met at work.
a date b marriage c break
- 6 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.

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