

Busy people

Lucy and her friends do a lot of activities. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences using the correct tense of **go** and the **-ing** form of the correct verb.

- 0 I sometimes go cycling with a friend at weekends.
- 1 We go in the mountains two months ago.
- 2 I sometimes go with my friend Hannah.
- 3 I go with some friends last night.
- 4 We often go in the local pool.
- 5 I go in the winter but I wasn't very good at it.



Living in a new city

Suzanne has gone to live in a big city in her own country. Here, she talks about her experience. Complete what she says, using the **-ing** form of the correct verbs from the box.

cross be understand meet drive leave find shop go park travel

I came to live in this city about a year ago. At first, it wasn't easy. Finding⁰ somewhere to live was difficult. Meeting¹ people was another problem, because they speak with a strong accent in this part of the country. But things are better now. I'm living in an apartment in the centre of the city. Shopping² is easy and I can get anything I want. Traveling³ is a bit tiring because I have to go on crowded trains to the place where I work. I have a car but parking⁴ is a problem in this area. And Driving⁵ here is risky because there's so much traffic – the road can be dangerous, too.⁶ But going out⁷ in the centre of the city is great. Being out⁸ is great fun and meeting⁹ people is easy. I'm really glad I came here. Leaving¹⁰ my home town wasn't an easy thing to do but I don't regret it.

Plans with John

Charlie has a friend called John. Complete what he says about a situation with John, by putting in the **to infinitive** or **-ing** form of the correct verbs in the box.

stop plan phone discuss help do get make speak leave fix

I rang John to discuss⁰ something important with him.¹
in touch with John isn't always easy because he's a very busy man.²
him at a time when he can talk is often difficult. When I phoned³ to
him, he was out. Then I phoned⁴ him a message. Eventually, he called
me back. I said that I wanted to speak to him⁵ the arrangements
for his visit to me.⁶ isn't something that John is good at and
⁷ decisions sometimes takes him a long time.⁸ me
plan for his visit, I made him agree on a definite weekend.⁹ that took
a long time but I managed to do it in the end. And¹⁰ him forgetting
all about it, I sent him a message with the dates in it.

Plans for a tour of Europe

Complete this text about travel plans, using the **to infinitive** or **-ing** forms of the verbs in brackets.

I like travelling⁰ (travel) and I've done quite a lot of it. Last year, I
decided to take¹ (take) a big trip around Europe.²
(save) money for the trip, I stopped going³ (go) to night clubs. I like
having⁴ (have) fun in those places and I enjoy spending⁵
(spend) time with my friends there, but I wanted to keep⁶ (keep) my
money for the trip. So I didn't go dancing⁷ (dance) at all and in fact I didn't
go out much. And I managed to save⁸ (save) enough money for the trip.
choosing⁹ (choose) which countries I would visit wasn't easy. I wanted
to experience¹⁰ (experience) lots of places because I love seeing¹¹
(see) new places, and I think that finding out¹² (find out) about different
cultures is fantastic. choosing¹³ (choose) the countries I would visit,
I borrowed some books from the library and tried to learn¹⁴ (learn)
as much as I could about different places. Then I made a list of the countries I
planned to visit¹⁵ (visit). I don't mind staying¹⁶ (stay)
in cheap hotels so finding¹⁷ (find) places to stay didn't worry me. I
wanted the places to be¹⁸ (be) interesting.
I finished doing¹⁹ (do) my research and then I booked my flight from
here. getting²⁰ (get) a cheap flight, I did a lot of research online. In
fact, booking²¹ (book) a cheap flight wasn't at all difficult because there
were lots available. organizing²² (organize) my timetable was great fun,
and I looked in lots of guidebooks to help²³ (help) me decide what to
do in the different places I visited.
And then I went on my trip and it was great. I'd like to travel²⁴ (travel)
all the time and I'm hoping to be able to go²⁵ (be) able to go on a trip to Africa
next year.

GERUND OR TO+INFINITIVE

Read and write the correct form of the verb.

- 1- He agreed _____ (buy) a new car
- 2- We decided _____ (run) through the forest.
- 3- She doesn't mind _____ (work) the night shift.
- 4- I learned _____ (ride) the bike at the age of 5.
- 5- Tonight I'd like _____ (try) the new Italian restaurant on Alamy Street.
- 6- Laurence suggested _____ (go) to the beach for a picnic.
- 7- The computer course was difficult and at first I felt like _____ (give up).
- 8- I couldn't afford _____ (fly) to Paris, so I took the train.
- 9- When you finish _____ (tidy) your room, I want to wash the car.
- 10- Ian admitted _____ (break) my new camera.

1. I refuse _____ (be) ignored any longer.
2. She appears _____ (have) many friends.
3. I dislike _____ (be) the centre of attention.
4. I can't help _____ (eat) so much.
5. Tom offered _____ (help) us.
6. The boy denied _____ (have) stolen the bicycle
7. I can't imagine _____ (live) in another place.
8. A good student never puts off _____ (study).
9. Tom attempted _____ (predict) the results.
10. I intend _____ (live) forever.
11. I can't stand _____ (park) the car in the city.
12. Tom pretended _____ (understand) French.

PHRASAL VERBS

Get off	To take care of someone.
Look forward to	Have a good or specified result.
Give up	To make a bad situation better or replace something that has been lost.
Look after	Leave a train
Make up for	Feeling happy about something that is going to happen.
Work out	Make (something) become.
Turn (something) into	Start a journey.
Set out on	Stopping doing something before you have completed it.

Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from the box.

look after work out make up for get off give up
looking forward to turn into set out on

1. A few days ago we _____ the best journey.
2. This is our bus stop. Let's _____.
3. We _____ the neighbours' cat while they're away.
4. I'm really _____ my holiday.
5. You'll never guess the answer - do you _____?
6. These figures _____ differently each time I add them.
7. Rain in the morning will _____ snow during the afternoon.
8. She gave him a bottle of wine to _____ missing his birthday.

catch up with set off put (our names) down deal with
go on join in take up went off

1. You can _____ everyone else if you run fast.
2. My friend and I want to learn to sail, so we _____ at a sailing school.
3. There were times when the trip seemed to _____ forever and you are right in the middle of an empty ocean.
4. The teenager had to _____ terrible storms, sharks and problems with the boat.
5. He left a job in the city to _____ farming.
6. We wanted to _____ earlier, but we had to take the latest train.
7. Mary and Sue were playing hockey so I asked them if I could _____.
8. I used to like drawing, but I _____ it when I got older.