

LANGUAGE REVIEW

infinitive and gerund (-ing form)

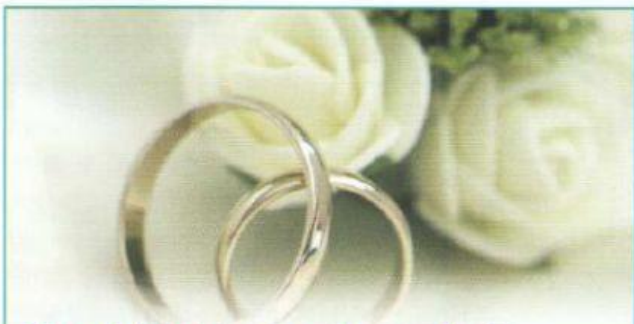
1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: the infinitive or gerund.

- 1 Do you mind _____ (turn) off the music?
I'm trying _____ (get) some sleep!
- 2 _____ (live) as part of a community is important to help you avoid _____ (feel) lonely.
- 3 My dad has never forgotten _____ (meet) my mum for the first time, but he did forget _____ (buy) her an anniversary present this year.
- 4 If you want _____ (get) the author's autograph, it will mean _____ (queue) for at least an hour.

Grammar reference pages 114–116

Grammatical multiple-choice cloze

2 **EXAM TASK** Read the text. For questions (1–5) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).



The right time to get married?

Nowadays, young people are waiting longer than ever before ¹ to get married. While there is ² perfect age to marry, it is often not until people reach thirty that they are able to make such a big commitment. Delaying marriage until their thirties ³ people more time to develop personally and professionally. As a result, by the time they marry, they ⁴ to provide financial stability for their partners and children. Also, because they are emotionally more mature, they may also find it ⁵ to reach a compromise when it is necessary in their relationship.

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| 1 A decide | B decided | C to decide | D deciding |
| 2 A no | B not | C never | D none |
| 3 A allowed | B had allowed | C allows | D is allowing |
| 4 A can | B are able | C have | D need |
| 5 A easily | B easiest | C easier | D the easiest |

Lexical multiple-choice cloze

EXAM STRATEGY

Read the whole text first without filling in the gaps to find out what it is about. Then read it again and choose the correct answer.

3 **EXAM TASK** Read the text. For questions (1–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

TV Dads

The earliest portrayals of dads on TV were simplistic, sticking to the image of what an ideal father might be ¹ . The dads of the 1950s worked full-time, while mums stayed at home to ² up the children. Jim Anderson from the sitcom *Father Knows Best* returned from his job, took off his jacket and rolled up his sleeves to solve all the problems ³ home.

The roles of dads started to change as feminism gained popularity and women began to be seen as strong and independent working mothers. And in the 1970s these shows were ⁴ by new ones that mirrored changes in society. Suddenly, blended families and work-from-home dads appeared on the screen. Male ⁵ started taking responsibility for providing emotional support at home, ⁶ if they could not hope to get it right all the time. Then, the late 1980s featured the rise of the idiotic dad. Homer Simpson in *The Simpsons* was the first of many ⁷ dads who needed more looking ⁸ than his children.

After moving from wise dads to clueless dads, today's TV fathers are beginning to find a ⁹ . With cutting-edge shows and reality television, we are getting a more realistic ¹⁰ of fatherhood. Now, TV series show dads who are breadwinners, nurturers and great dads!

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| 1 A as | B like | C for | D such |
| 2 A make | B raise | C bring | D take |
| 3 A in | B around | C on | D at |
| 4 A taken | B made | C opened | D replaced |
| 5 A actors | B characters | C directors | D producers |
| 6 A even | B perhaps | C despite | D just |
| 7 A impolite | B understandable | C immature | D unclear |
| 8 A to | B round | C through | D after |
| 9 A harmony | B balance | C peace | D calm |
| 10 A view | B look | C approach | D belief |