

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive of the verb in brackets.

1 I phoned Abdul because I wanted _____ (tell) him about the meeting.

2 Sandra left without _____ (say) goodbye to anyone.

3 I love _____ (walk) in the snow.

4 _____ (do) exercise is very good for you.

5 Try not _____ (spend) all of your money on computer games.

6 Do you know how _____ (make) bread?

7 _____ (dance) is something I really hate.

8 It isn't easy _____ (learn) Chinese.

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

1 We _____ going for long walks in the countryside.
want need love

2 Lynne's _____ talking to me! I don't know why.
promised stopped pretended

3 They _____ a lot of time watching old DVDs.
have spend do

4 I don't _____ driving you to the airport tomorrow.
mind good want

5 We haven't _____ decorating our new house.
hoped decided finished

6 Do you _____ skiing?
enjoy want start

LISTENING

1 Listen to a language teacher. Underline the correct word(s).

- 1 Complete beginners need to do an **intensive** / **evening** course.
- 2 Reading out loud can help your **pronunciation** / **reading**.
- 3 Learning a language abroad is **easier** / **more difficult**.
- 4 To improve your **speaking** / **listening**, download news onto your phone.
- 5 You **have to** / **don't have to** spend a lot of money on foreign books.

2 Listen to five people talking about what makes them happy. Match the speakers with the topics (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

A

dancing

B

being successful

C

listening to music

D

singing

E

planning to go on holiday

F

cooking something really nice

G

being with the children

READING

1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Making a good impression on the parents

Meeting your partner's parents for the first time can be stressful. We interviewed three people who survived! Here is their advice.

Rhonda Smith, age 26

'My advice is 'dress to impress'. I wore a suit to meet my girlfriend's parents for the first time. I think it really made a good impression. They didn't want their daughter to go out with someone who wore an old T-shirt and jeans. Make sure you shake her father's hand firmly. This shows that you aren't a weak man. I also offered to help my girlfriend's mother in the kitchen. She liked that. Lay the table, or do the washing up, for example. Her mother will think you're great!'

Bob Tate, age 30

'I was really nervous the first time I met my boyfriend's parents. Looking back, there was nothing to worry about. They wanted to know everything about me, so they asked me a lot of questions. I tried not to give my views on politics or controversial subjects, though. Of course, you have to be yourself, so if they ask you a complicated question, you have to give an honest answer. One other piece of advice I would give is: be punctual. Parents always hate people arriving late.'

Will Mansell, age 29

'I think the most important thing is to show your girlfriend's parents that you have a deep interest in her. You can do this by asking questions about when she was a little girl. Parents never get tired of talking about their children. This tactic also makes you more relaxed, because you aren't talking about yourself. Before you go to their house, ask your girlfriend what her parents like doing. If you find some common interests, conversation will be easier.'

- 1 Rhonda's boyfriend's parents didn't ask her any questions.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 Rhonda says it's OK to arrive a little late.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 Will thinks wearing old jeans gives a bad impression.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 Will helped with the cooking at his girlfriend's house.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 Will says talking about work gives a good impression.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 6 Will thinks it's important to shake the father's hand.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 7 Bob says it's more relaxing to talk about yourself.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 8 Bob thinks you must eat everything her mother gives you.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 9 Bob says you should find out about her parents before your visit.
A True B False C Doesn't say

2 Write Rhonda, Will, or Bob.

Example: There was nothing to worry about. Rhonda

- 1 I was really nervous. _____
- 2 I offered to help in the kitchen. _____
- 3 Conversation is easier if you have common interests. _____
- 4 Parents love talking about their children. _____
- 5 I wore a suit. _____
- 6 I didn't talk about politics. _____

