

3 Choose the correct item.

- 1 His colleagues secretly tried ..... his advancement in the company.  
A blocking                      C block  
B to block                      D to be blocking
- 2 I propose we ..... the speeches until the end of the event.  
A leaving                      C leave  
B to leave                      D be leaving
- 3 Would you rather ..... at home or regular hours in an office?  
A to work                      C worked  
B work                      D working
- 4 "Are you coming to the wedding?"  
"Yes but I would prefer not ..... to the reception afterwards."  
A going                      C having gone  
B to go                      D to have gone
- 5 "Everything I do fails; I'm a walking disaster."  
"I suggest you ..... complaining and count your blessings."  
A stopping                      C to have stopped  
B stop                      D to stop
- 6 "Have you made your decision yet?"  
"I'd prefer ..... right now, if you don't mind."  
A not answer                      C not to answer  
B not answering                      D to not answer
- 7 "I thought you liked a challenge!"  
"Not the kind that involves ..... off a bridge with a rubber band round my ankles!"  
A jumping                      C to jump  
B jump                      D to jumping
- 8 "Has Paul been told yet?"  
"Not yet. I dread his ..... out!"  
A to find                      C finding  
B find                      D to be finding
- 9 "I refuse to write the report."  
"How dare you ..... the boss's instructions!"  
A to defy                      C to be defying  
B defying                      D defy
- 10 "Is there something wrong?"  
"Yes, but I'm afraid ..... you because you'll be angry."  
A of telling                      C to tell  
B telling                      D tell

**4 Put the verbs in brackets into the -ing form or the correct form of the infinitive.**

- 1 The architect resented ..... (modify) the design at such a late date.
- 2 If you want to learn to ride, you must first try ..... (maintain) control of the horse.
- 3 She's certain to want to come to the party but I very much doubt she'll wish ..... (participate) in the dancing.
- 4 I suggest you ..... (consult) a specialist for a second opinion before having the operation.
- 5 They began ..... (argue) at breakfast and are still quarrelling now.
- 6 I don't support ..... (use) live animals for experiments under any circumstances.
- 7 Daniel intends ..... (take) a gap year between school and university and wants to travel around Europe.
- 8 It was strange that the file went missing, because he distinctly remembered ..... (put) it in the cabinet before he left.
- 9 I hate ..... (say) this, but I think you've overstepped the mark this time.
- 10 I vaguely recall ..... (meet) him in 1999 at a teaching seminar.
- 11 The flowers need ..... (arrange) and the cake needs to be baked.
- 12 Concerning my eldest son, I wouldn't even venture a guess as to what he is planning ..... (do).

**5 Put the verbs in brackets into the -ing form or the correct form of the infinitive.**

Like many people, I dislike (0) *having* (have) someone (1) ..... (look) over my shoulder while (2) ..... (read) my newspaper on the bus. I find it difficult (3) ..... (prevent) myself from (4) ..... (say) something sarcastic to the onlooker as surely, (5) ..... (peruse) one's newspaper is a private affair. To my mind, (6) ..... (invade) a reader's space in this way is rather like (7) ..... (invite) oneself (8) ..... (join) a private conversation. We seldom seem (9) ..... (tolerate) rudeness of this kind in ordinary circumstances. I consider my precious few minutes with a newspaper exactly that – mine!

**6 Put the verbs in brackets into the -ing form or the correct form of the infinitive.**

It is difficult (0) *to understand* (understand) why millions of cinema-goers queue for hours (1) ..... (obtain) tickets to see the latest "blockbuster", only (2) ..... (discover) that the film is a bitter disappointment. (3) ..... (pay) scant regard to reliable reviews, they appear (4) ..... (prefer) (5) ..... (place) their trust in extravagant claims made by the film promoters. These are the marketers whose sole purpose is (6) ..... (boost) ticket sales, thereby (7) ..... (line) the pockets of the film makers and (8) ..... (ensure) a tidy profit, (9) ..... (enable) them (10) ..... (produce) yet another film of equally poor quality. So, if you're anxious (11) ..... (know) whether you're likely (12) ..... (get) value for money, and if the last film you saw was a real let-down, try (13) ..... (read) what the critics say, first.

**7 Put the verbs in brackets into the -ing form or the correct form of the infinitive.**

You know that dreadful feeling: (0) *sleeping* (sleep) through the alarm clock and then (1) ..... (worry) that you'll be too late (2) ..... (meet) your friend for coffee or (3) ..... (get) to work on time. Few people have reason (4) ..... (stop) and wonder how many others might also be (5) ..... (hurry) to various destinations at that moment (6) ..... (know) they will probably miss their appointments. Although you might not be a particularly punctual person, you may still be tempted (7) ..... (ask), why British social lives are so often ruled by the clock. Perhaps we would all benefit from (8) ..... (slow) down and (9) ..... (follow) the examples of southern Europeans. In Greece for example, punctuality frequently obeys the laws of "rubber time", (10) ..... (allow) for flexibility and the reassuring thought that nobody worries too much if you arrive a little later than expected.