

3 VOCABULARY FROM LISTENING

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 There's only **anecdotal** d
 - 2 I tried the cream, but it **had** _____
 - 3 He suggested acupuncture, so I'll **give** _____
 - 4 We found fish oil **made** _____
- a **no effect** on my rash – in fact, it made it worse.
 b **it a go**.
 c **a difference** to our son's bad behaviour.
 d **evidence** that hypnotherapy works.

4 GRAMMAR advanced gerunds and infinitives

a Complete the sentences with the correct gerund or infinitive form of a verb from the list.



become complain finish forget learn
 photograph set up sniff take wear

- 1 It's no good **complaining** _____ about your back. Why don't you make an appointment to see the doctor?
- 2 A couple I know had a plan _____ their own business, but it fell through when they split up.
- 3 You seem _____ a lot today. Have you got a cold?
- 4 Many celebrities say they are fed up with _____ every time they leave the house.
- 5 Eddie apologized for _____ my name the day before.
- 6 What was the last animal _____ extinct?
- 7 Eve would rather _____ a new outfit to the wedding last week, but she couldn't afford one.
- 8 There's no point in _____ antibiotics if you've got a virus.
- 9 I hope _____ everything I need to do by the time our visitors arrive.
- 10 _____ several languages before, I'm finding learning Swedish quite easy.

b Complete the sentences with three words. Use the correct gerund or infinitive form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I would thoroughly recommend this resort to families with young children. There is plenty for **them** _____ to _____ do _____. (do)
- 2 I hope _____ less in the future if my boss lets me go part-time. (work)
- 3 I would love _____ my paternal grandfather, but he died before I was born. (meet)
- 4 Our holiday in the south of France was a bit of a disappointment because it wasn't warm _____ in the sea. (swim)
- 5 How frustrating for them _____ the match in the last minute! They must have been extremely disappointed. (lose)
- 6 It is very common for employees _____ redundant when their company is doing badly. (make)
- 7 There's _____ your sister to the wedding. We know she won't come. (invite)
- 8 _____ so early to catch the train, we all fell asleep as soon as it left the station. (get up)
- 9 There's _____ in our village in the evenings – not even a pub. (go)
- 10 Most children enjoy _____ the zoo by their parents. (take)



- c Complete the questions with the correct gerund or infinitive form of the verb in brackets.
- 1 What do you remember *being told* _____ to do the last time you had a cold? (tell)
 - 2 When you go to the doctor's, how long do you usually have to wait _____? (see)
 - 3 Do you know what number _____ if you need an ambulance? What is it? (call)
 - 4 Who do you prefer _____ by when you're ill? Why? (look after)
 - 5 How would you like the health service in your country _____? (improve)
 - 6 What would you do if you saw someone in the street who seemed _____ a heart attack? (have)
 - 7 Is there anywhere for people _____ unused medicines where you live? (take)
 - 8 Do you think it's important for children _____ vaccinations? Why / Why not? (give)

d Answer the questions in c about you.

The last time I had a cold, I remember being told to get plenty of rest and drink lots of water.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

5 LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT Forget the pills

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Cutting out salt can **reduce** *d* _____
 - 2 A healthy lifestyle may **offset** _____
 - 3 Taking long walks can have a **beneficial** _____
 - 4 Patients are often advised to **reduce** _____
 - 5 It is thought you are less likely to **suffer** _____
 - 6 The media **play an important** _____
 - 7 Office workers are **prone** _____
 - 8 The elderly are encouraged to **take up** _____
- a **the risk of** developing dementia.
 b **to** back pain because they're sitting all day.
 c **social activities** to prevent loneliness.
 d **blood pressure by** a considerable amount.
 e **effect on** your health.
 f **from depression** if you get up early.
 g **role in** determining what we eat.
 h **dependence on** sleeping pills.

6 VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION similes; /ə/

- a Complete the similes in the sentences with a noun.



- 1 My great-uncle is 82, and he's **as fit as a fiddle** _____.
- 2 Their new baby is **as good as g** _____. All she does all day is eat and sleep.
- 3 I usually **sleep like a l** _____, but last night I woke up at 3.00 and couldn't go back to sleep.
- 4 It took no time at all for my grandmother to get over her operation – she's **as tough as o** _____ **b** _____.
- 5 Your brother-in-law **drinks like a f** _____. Is he an alcoholic?
- 6 My mum is **as stubborn as a m** _____. She refuses to go to the doctor's when she's in pain.
- 7 Alice is **as thin as a r** _____, which is incredible considering how much she eats.
- 8 Our neighbour always has the TV on really loud. He's **as deaf as a p** _____.
- 9 My son always seems to be hungry. He eats **like a h** _____!
- 10 I can't believe I forgot to take my glasses to the cinema. I'm **as blind as a b** _____ without them.

- b 8.1 Listen to the sentences and circle the unstressed words with the /ə/ sound.

- 1 The treatment cost a lot more than we'd thought.
- 2 The surgeon arrived as soon as the patient was ready.
- 3 It was too late to see my doctor, so we went straight to the hospital.
- 4 The specialist suggested I went on a diet for a while.
- 5 I'm allergic to plasters, so I never use them.

- c Look at the stressed words in b and underline any syllables with the /ə/ sound.

- d 8.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.