

# Infinitives and -ing forms

## 1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1 I think it's a bad idea to play loud music late at night.

\_\_\_\_\_ loud music late at night is a bad idea.

2 She never does her homework on time.

She always forgets \_\_\_\_\_ her homework on time.

3 She hasn't played tennis for three months.

She stopped \_\_\_\_\_ tennis three months ago.

4 I heard her. She shouted 'Help!' very loudly.

I heard her \_\_\_\_\_ 'Help!' very loudly.

5 I don't think that I've met your brother.

I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ your brother.

6 Please go to the shop and buy some milk on your way home.

Please stop \_\_\_\_\_ some milk on your way home.

7 It's difficult for me to meet new people because I'm very shy.

\_\_\_\_\_ new people is difficult for me because I'm very shy.

8 The spider crawled up my leg.

I felt the spider \_\_\_\_\_ up my leg.

## 2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use -ing, to + infinitive or infinitive without to.

**Rosa** I'm worried about Michael. He avoided<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to me at the party yesterday and he pretended<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / hear) me when I asked him why.

**Louis** Did you do something to upset him?

**Rosa** Well, yes. I borrowed his phone last week and unfortunately I broke it.

**Louis** I'm not surprised he's annoyed with you! Did you offer<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for it?

**Rosa** Of course! I apologised for<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (break) it and tried<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) him a new phone, but he kept<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that it didn't matter.

**Louis** Why not<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (send) him an email? You can ask him<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) why he's not talking to you.

**Rosa** OK. I'd rather<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to him directly, but maybe an email's the best idea.

Complete the sentences with the infinitive, the infinitive without *to* or the *-ing* form of the verbs below.

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- 1 I've been meaning \_\_\_\_\_ about your job interview.
- 2 I think my brother has fallen out with his girlfriend. I heard them \_\_\_\_\_ last night.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is not advisable when there is a storm warning.
- 4 I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ a takeaway than cook dinner tonight.
- 5 Why \_\_\_\_\_ time in front of the TV when you could be outside in the sunshine?
- 6 I remembered \_\_\_\_\_ my tracksuit, but I didn't bring my trainers, so I can't go running.

Write the sentences using the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

I can't remember  
(lock) the door!

(Smoke) isn't as common as it was in the past.

My school's doesn't allow (eat) in the classrooms.

We could feel the for (get) hotter and hotter.

We saw him (open) the door and (take) out the camera from the box

Could you please stop (shout)? I'm trying (do) my homework.

I heard him slowly (walk) down the stairs towards his bedroom.

I'm sure, Greg didn't mean (upset) anyone.