

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 ¹_____ (talk) to me at the party yesterday and he pretended ²_____ (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 ³_____ (pay) for it?

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

Louis Why not ⁷_____ (send) him an email? You can ask him ⁸_____ (explain) why he's not talking to you.

Rosa OK. I'd rather ⁹_____ (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.