

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Gerunds and infinitives

1 Circle the correct options.

- Getting / To get lost on the way to school is not normal.
- It's important *taking* / *to take* advantage of the opportunities you are given.
- George says he enjoys *cooking* / *to cook* but he doesn't have time.
- I tasted the sauce *checking* / *to check* if it was too spicy.
- She decided not *to wear* / *wearing* her new boots to the party.
- I'm annoyed about *to lose* / *losing* the game.



2 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

MAE ¹ Going (go) to that mindfulness class was a great idea.

ISA Yes, it was. I'm eager ² _____ (try) it. I'd like ³ _____ (learn) a few more of Dr Fraser's techniques.

MAE Well, first he told us to practise ⁴ _____ (breathe) ... like this.

ISA Don't forget ⁵ _____ (hold) it for a few seconds.

MAE I feel a bit ridiculous, but after ⁶ _____ (do) it a few times I'll feel better.

ISA ⁷ _____ (learn) something new is always a bit strange at the beginning.

MAE I suppose it is. He suggested ⁸ _____ (try) it at home on our own before the next meeting.

ISA OK, I'm going home ⁹ _____ (practise). I'll send a message later ¹⁰ _____ (tell) you how I get on.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- After an hour of studying, I stopped to take a short break.
- I'll never forget _____ the cup final last year – I was so thrilled.
- I remember _____ a strange noise and then all the lights went out.
- John didn't do his homework because he forgot _____ it down yesterday.
- Rania stopped _____ at her mobile phone to listen to the news.
- Did you remember _____ a sandwich to school today? We have an extra class.

4 Match the sentences with the correct meaning.

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| 1 I stopped to talk to Matt. | a I stopped what I was doing to talk to Matt. |
| 2 I stopped talking to Matt. | b I don't talk to Matt anymore. |
| 3 I forgot to call Lisa. | c I don't remember calling Lisa. |
| 4 I forgot I called Lisa. | d I didn't call Lisa. |

5 Answer the questions so they are true for you. Write full sentences.

- Do you enjoy swimming in the sea in summer? Why / Why not?

- What did you forget to do last week?

- Which sport would you be interested in learning to play?

- What do you hope to do when you leave school?

- What things have you stopped doing since you were a child?
