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Gerunds and Infinitives

Complete the following passage with either the gerund (verb +ing) or the infinitive (to+ verb) form of the verbs in brackets.

Dennis was in his first year at university, studying History. He was rather a lazy student and he tended to avoid (1) _____ (work) whenever he could. In the middle of the term, his history professor gave out an assignment to be handed in within two weeks. The assignment was quite a difficult one, so his professor advised them (2) _____ (start) earlier. Dennis intended (3) _____ (do) the assignment, but he postponed (4) _____ (write) it for a week. He had a bad habit of (5) _____ (delay) things. The following week, he forgot (6) _____ (do) it.

The night before the assignment was due, he suddenly remembered it and rushed to the library to find the books needed. He tried (7) _____ (read) as much as possible on the topic, but there wasn't enough time. Dennis considered (8) _____ (ask) for more time to do his paper, but his History professor was known to be very tough on students, so he finally decided (9) _____ (cheat) and copy his paper from somewhere else. He found an old article on the same topic and quickly typed it out. The next day, he submitted the paper.

The following week, he was alarmed (10) _____ (see) his professor approaching him, looking angry. "Is this your own work, or did you copy it?" asked the professor. Dennis denied (11) _____ (copy) the paper. The professor was angry with Dennis for not (12) _____ (tell) the truth. "If you expect me (13) _____ (believe) that, you must be stupid," said the professor. "Every word is taken from an article I wrote myself five years ago. Did you really think I would forget (14) _____ (write) it?" Dennis couldn't help (15) _____ (feel) sorry for telling such a lie.