

Reading and use OF English part 4

Gerunds & Infinitives



Choose the correct alternative in *italics* in each sentence.

- 1 I look forward *to hear* / *to hearing* from you.
- 2 I can't wait *to meet* / *to meeting* you.
- 3 I am interested *to apply* / *in applying* for the IT web design course.
- 4 Thank you for giving me the chance *to suggest* / *of suggesting* new ideas.
- 5 The money will be used *in improving* / *to improve* our customer services department.
- 6 I am writing this letter *to asking* / *to ask* for more information.

Comparatives



Complete the sentences with the expressions for comparison in the box.

the worst less interested a lot more slowly far better
as expensive as more difficult the most much older newer than

Example: Your school bag is *newer than* mine. I bought mine ages ago.

- 1 Callum is than me at history. He gets high scores in all the tests.
- 2 That was film I've ever seen. I wished we hadn't bothered watching it.
- 3 I'm definitely in art than in music – I hate painting and going to galleries.
- 4 My friend cycles than I do, so he's generally late for school.
- 5 This dress wasn't you might think. I bought it in a sale.
- 6 The harder I try to produce a good drawing, the it seems to be.
- 7 That's money I've ever spent on a book. I just hope it's worth it!
- 8 The last house Sam lived in was brand new, but where he lives now is – it was built in the last century!

Phrasal verbs



Match phrasal verbs 1–10 with the correct meaning a–k. Use a dictionary if necessary.

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| 0 clear up | a manage even though you haven't got something you need |
| 1 cut down on | b end in a successful way |
| 2 take care of | c reach someone ahead who's going faster |
| 3 get round to | d improve, get better |
| 4 leave out | e invent |
| 5 do without | f argue and stop being friends with someone |
| 6 work out | g find the time to do something |
| 7 catch up with | h trust someone |
| 8 fall out | i not include |
| 9 rely on | j look after, keep an eye on |
| 10 make up | k reduce |



Complete the sentences using the correct form of phrasal verbs from Exercise 5.

- 1 I hope the weather soon. We want to go to the beach!
- 2 I still haven't doing my homework. I'd better do it tonight!
- 3 Tom was a long way ahead, but Sam ran and him.
- 4 Sasha and Jackie have again. They're not speaking to each other.
- 5 Ned has to stay at home and his younger sister on Wednesday evenings.

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For questions 25–30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Tip! Make sure the second sentence means *exactly* the same as the first – read it carefully.

Example:

0 Karen didn't really want to go to the party.

FORWARD

Karen wasn't really to the party.

The gap can be filled by the words 'looking forward to going', so you write:

Example:

0 LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on your answer sheet.

25 The film wasn't nearly as good as the book.

MUCH

The book the film.

26 I haven't had time to tidy up my bedroom.

ROUND

I haven't up my bedroom.

27 Jake couldn't carry on cycling along the road until he'd fixed his brakes.

STOP

Jake had his brakes before he could carry on cycling along the road.

28 I'd rather watch football than play it.

PREFER

I playing it.

29 'I'm sorry I missed your birthday party,' Ben told Sam.

APOLOGISED

Ben his birthday party.

30 I can only come if Mum says it's OK.

UNLESS

I can't me permission.

