

## Gerunds and infinitives

### 1 ★ Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 ☐ I know I should resist, but I can't help
  - 2 ☐ Many people fail
  - 3 ☐ Experts encourage
  - 4 ☐ Let the delicious flavours
  - 5 ☐ The curry is so spicy I have difficulty
  - 6 ☐ Do you happen
  - 7 ☐ Jack's parents tried to force
  - 8 ☐ The smell was so terrible Mum made
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- a tempt your taste buds.
  - b to know where I can get my hearing tested?
  - c him to eat broccoli when he was a child.
  - d scratching when I've got an insect bite.
  - e to understand the strong link between smell and taste.
  - f me open all the windows.
  - g tasting anything except the chilli.
  - h us to take regular breaks from staring at our computer screens.

### 3 ★★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

I held a snake for the first time at a small zoo in the south of England. I was surprised <sup>1</sup>to find (find) that it was dry and not wet. While <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (hold) the snake, I felt it begin <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (wrap) itself round my arm, but I didn't feel threatened. I don't think it intended <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (do) me any harm. In fact, it seemed <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to show me affection. Nothing about the snake was what I'd expected. I felt lucky that it had let me <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (touch) it.

4 ★★ Complete the texts with the correct forms of the verbs in bold and an object where necessary.

READ

Gavin tries <sup>1</sup>**to read** for at least an hour every day. He enjoys <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ while he's travelling to school. His mum won't let <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at the dinner table though.

DO

Anastasia's parents make <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ her homework as soon as she gets in from school. They encourage <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it before anything else. The only way she can avoid <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it is if she has after-school activities.

WATCH

Ola can't stand <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ violent films or TV series. She refuses <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ anything where violence is shown as entertainment. <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ comedies on the other hand, she finds a great pleasure.

5 ★★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs from the box.

approach attack be ~~have~~ hunt know smell steal take

# BEWARE THE BEARS!



Imagine <sup>1</sup>**having** a sense of smell 700 times more powerful than a human. Grizzly Bears' noses are so good that they are able <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a potential meal from up to eighteen miles away. This is why it is so important <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ careful when you are camping in Grizzly country. The bears will be the first <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ if you leave food out, and you won't be able to prevent them from <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your campsite if they are hungry. <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your food is much easier than spending time <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and while bears are not likely <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ humans, can you really afford <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the risk?

**7 ★★★★★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms of (be/get) used to and the verbs in brackets.**

- 1** Although it's still a bit strange, Chris is getting used to living (live) in the student halls instead of at home with his parents.
- 2** I couldn't concentrate on audio books at first, but now I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to them and prefer them to reading a normal book.
- 3** When my sister was a child, she \_\_\_\_\_ (suck) her thumb all the time.
- 4** Joel \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) any exercise at all, but now he runs marathons regularly.
- 5** Bonnie \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) early after growing up on a farm.
- 6** I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) vegetarian eventually although it took a long time for me to stop missing chicken.

**8 ★★★★★ Rewrite the sentences using the correct forms of used to, be used to or get used to.**

- 1** It's normal for me to find cat hairs on my clothes.  
I'm used to finding cat hairs on my clothes.
- 2** Life on the island is slowly becoming normal for the family.  
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- 3** Fiona didn't like the smell of fish in the past.  
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- 4** Waking up early was slowly becoming normal for Gina.  
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- 5** Tim played guitar in a jazz band in the past.  
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- 6** It was normal for Greta to speak to large groups of people.  
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