

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

- 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 ¹to find (find) that it was dry and not wet. While ²_____ (hold) the snake, I felt it begin ³_____ (wrap) itself round my arm, but I didn't feel threatened. I don't think it intended ⁴_____ (do) me any harm. In fact, it seemed ⁵_____ (want) to show me affection. Nothing about the snake was what I'd expected. I felt lucky that it had let me ⁶_____ (touch) it.

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

READ

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

DO

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

WATCH

Ola can't stand **7** _____ violent films or TV series. She refuses **8** _____ anything where violence is shown as entertainment. **9** _____ 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 **1** *having* a sense of smell 700 times more powerful than a human. Grizzly Bears' noses are so good that they are able **2** _____ a potential meal from up to eighteen miles away. This is why it is so important **3** _____ careful when you are camping in Grizzly country. The bears will be the first **4** _____ if you leave food out, and you won't be able to prevent them from **5** _____ your campsite if they are hungry. **6** _____ your food is much easier than spending time **7** _____ and while bears are not likely **8** _____ humans, can you really afford **9** _____ 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.

- 3 Fiona didn't like the smell of fish in the past.

- 4 Waking up early was slowly becoming normal for Gina.

- 5 Tim played guitar in a jazz band in the past.

- 6 It was normal for Greta to speak to large groups of people.
