

**141.1** Change the underlined words. Keep the same meaning, but use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 Did you hear the bomb explode?  
Did you hear the bomb go off ?
- 2 The meeting continued longer than I expected.  
The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ longer than I expected.
- 3 We didn't stop to rest. We continued walking.  
We didn't stop to rest. We \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I fell asleep while I was watching TV.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ while I was watching TV.
- 5 Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to continue working.  
Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ working.
- 6 The fire alarm rang in the middle of the night.  
The fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the night.
- 7 Martin phones me continuously. It's very annoying.  
Martin \_\_\_\_\_. It's very annoying.

**141.2** Complete each sentence using a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 We can't go on spending money like this. We'll have nothing left soon.
- 2 I was standing by the car when suddenly the alarm \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'm not ready to go home yet. I have a few things to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 'Shall I stop the car here?' 'No, \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 5 Bill paid too much for the car he bought. I think he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 'Is Emma enjoying her course at university?' 'Yes, she's \_\_\_\_\_ very well.'
- 7 I was very tired at work today. I nearly \_\_\_\_\_ at my desk a couple of times.
- 8 Ben was \_\_\_\_\_ by his boss for being late for work repeatedly.
- 9 I really like working with my colleagues. We all \_\_\_\_\_ really well together.
- 10 There was a very loud noise. It sounded like a bomb \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 I \_\_\_\_\_ making the same mistake. It's very frustrating.
- 12 I've just had a coffee break, and now I must \_\_\_\_\_ with my work.
- 13 Peter is always trying to impress people. He's always \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14 We decided not to go to the concert. We were \_\_\_\_\_ by the cost of tickets.

**141.3** Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + **on** or **off**. Sometimes you will need other words as well:

carry      finish      ~~get~~      get      get      go      rip      tell

- 1 A: How are you getting on in your new job?  
B: Fine, thanks. It's going very well.
- 2 A: Have you written the letter you had to write?  
B: I've started it. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
- 3 A: We took a taxi to the airport. It cost £40.  
B: £40! Normally it costs about £20. You \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 A: Why were you late for work this morning?  
B: I overslept. My alarm clock didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 A: How \_\_\_\_\_ in your interview? Do you think you'll get the job?  
B: I hope so. The interview was OK.
- 6 A: Did you stop playing tennis when it started to rain?  
B: No, we \_\_\_\_\_. The rain wasn't very heavy.
- 7 A: Some children at the next table in the restaurant were behaving very badly.  
B: Why didn't their parents \_\_\_\_\_?
- 8 A: Why does Paul want to leave his job?  
B: He \_\_\_\_\_ his boss.