

Grammar 2

-ing form; infinitives

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 I think you can avoid to pay / paying fees for that course, but it depends on how much you earn.
- 2 It's worth to get / getting the right qualifications if you're interested in that kind of work.
- 3 I'm interested in to become / becoming a fitness instructor.
- 4 My brother loves study / studying geography. It's his favourite subject.
- 5 We must to meet / meet again soon.
- 6 I had a shower before to go / going out.
- 7 Write / Writing essays in a second language can be difficult.
- 8 Lin didn't feel like to come / coming out this evening.
- 9 I would really like to have / having no accent when I speak Russian.
- 10 It was too far to walk / walking, so we caught the bus instead.
- 11 It's important revising / to revise before an exam.
- 12 I went to the supermarket on my way home to get / getting something for my dinner.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of remember or stop and the -ing form or infinitive of these verbs.

go have lock look play tell
text visit

- 1 Did you remember to lock the front door before leaving the house?
- 2 She stopped playing football when she hurt her knee.
- 3 After walking for more than five hours, we had a break.
- 4 I go to the seaside every year with my grandparents when I was younger.
- 5 I must tell my friend with all the details of the school trip.
- 6 We didn't visit our friends on the way home because we were late for the train.
- 7 What do you mean you didn't know about the party? I told you about it last week.
- 8 I was late, so I didn't have time to look in any of the shops.

3 Complete the conversation with the -ing form or infinitive of these verbs.

ask for come do go improve
learn make upload

Elke: Hi Asha, do you remember ¹ doing that IT course with me a few years ago?

Asha: Yes, but I think I stopped ² to it after a couple of lessons because it was so difficult.

Elke: Well, there's another one with the same teacher – it's about ³ websites.

Asha: But I don't even know how ⁴ to upload a photo!

Elke: Oh, come on. It's always fun ⁵ something new. I'll send them an email ⁶ more details.

Asha: OK, that'll be fine. My children often tell me I need ⁷ my IT skills.

Elke: Great. Are you interested in ⁸ with me to a judo course too?

Asha: No, definitely not! I think the IT course is enough for me.

4 Complete the text with the -ing form or infinitive of the verbs in brackets.

The Lumiar schools in São Paulo, Brazil were set up by businessman, Ricardo Semler. He has a company, Semco, which is very original. People may ¹ go (go) to work when they want and employees are encouraged ² to take part (take part) in important decisions about the company's future. His schools are similar because the students ³ are used to deciding (decide) what they want ⁴ study (study). If a student thinks a subject is worth ⁵ follow (follow), then they are free ⁶ do (do) that. For example, if a student enjoys a certain type of music, they can ⁷ find out (find out) all about its cultural origins.

⁸ choose (choose) your own lessons and subjects sounds fun, doesn't it? But the schools weren't set up just ⁹ give (give) students an enjoyable time. They must still ¹⁰ take (take) all the national Brazilian exams and the students normally do well in these. The schools simply avoid ¹¹ teach (teach) students basic facts like the capital city of a country because they know that students are able ¹² get (get) this information from the internet in a couple of seconds.