

Verb patterns: the infinitive and the -ing form

1 ★ Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 Do you mind *to wait* / *waiting* for a few minutes?
- 2 I've decided *to study* / *studying* Physics in Edinburgh.
- 3 Have you finished *to read* / *reading* the report I gave you?
- 4 To learn a language, you have to practise *to speak* / *speaking*.
- 5 I promise *to be* / *being* more careful in the future.
- 6 Did you manage *to see* / *seeing* anything through the microscope?
- 7 I don't usually enjoy *to do* / *doing* experiments but today's was fun.
- 8 Would you like *to eat* / *eating* before the film or afterwards?

2 ★ Match the two parts of the sentences.

- A**
- 1 ☐ I can't stand
 - 2 ☐ I hope
 - 3 ☐ I might
- B**
- 1 ☐ You must
 - 2 ☐ You've finished
 - 3 ☐ You promised
- C**
- 1 ☐ Did you manage
 - 2 ☐ Should I
 - 3 ☐ Do you mind
- a** to study Physics at university.
b study Maths at university.
c studying Chemistry.
- a** to do the ironing.
b do the dishes.
c doing your homework.
- a** finishing the project?
b to finish the project?
c finish the project?

4 ★ Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 I continued ___ after we were told to stop because I was in the middle of a sentence.
a writing **b** write **c** to write
- 2 The students have learned ___ different planets and stars in the sky.
a identifying **b** to identify **c** identify
- 3 Mr Collins avoided ___ experiments after he caused a small explosion.
a do **b** to do **c** doing
- 4 Why did you give up ___? You were really good.
a swimming **b** swim **c** to swim
- 5 Never stop ___ to protect wildlife.
a try **b** to try **c** trying
- 6 I don't mind ___ tests but we shouldn't have so many.
a do **b** to do **c** doing