



First day nerves

Starting a new job is always scary.
It's like the first day of school.
Sean Maher, American actor

G uses of the infinitive with to V verbs + infinitive: try to, forget to, etc. P weak form of to, linking

- b Complete the sentences with the infinitive (with to) of a verb from the list.

find not finish not tell rent
see take out wash up

- 1 John's very polite. He offered to wash up after the meal.
- 2 Thanks for coming. We hope you again soon.
- 3 She wasn't enjoying the lasagne, so she decided it.
- 4 My boyfriend is unemployed. He needs a job.
- 5 I'll tell you what she said, but please promise anybody.
- 6 They want to live together. They're planning a flat.
- 7 You forgot the rubbish last night. It's still in the kitchen.

- d Read the conversations. Re-order the words to make answers.

- 1 What countries would you like to visit?
like / New / I'd / visit / to / Zealand
I'd like to visit New Zealand.
- 2 What are you planning to do this weekend?
tennis / to / I'm / friends / my / play / with / hoping
- 3 What are you doing tonight?
to / planning / stay / in / I'm
- 4 Are you learning anything that is very difficult at the moment?
learn / trying / Japanese / to / I'm
- 5 Why are you learning English?
get / to / a / job / better
- 6 What do you find difficult about English?
difficult / vocabulary / it's / to / remember

2 GRAMMAR uses of the gerund (verb + -ing)

a Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I hate being (be) late for meetings. I think it's really rude.
- 2 We stopped (study) German because we didn't like the classes.
- 3 James is celebrating because he's finished (write) his book.
- 4 I'm bored. I feel like (go) for a walk.
- 5 I don't mind (get) up early in the morning.
- 6 Kate really enjoys (listen) to music while she's running.

b Match sentences 1–6 to a–f.

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| 1 Do you ever think about | <u>c</u> |
| 2 Read the instructions before | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 He started his speech by | <input type="text"/> |
| 4 I'm not very good at | <input type="text"/> |
| 5 Miriam left the party without | <input type="text"/> |
| 6 I'm really looking forward to | <input type="text"/> |

- a using the machine for the first time.
- b seeing you tonight.
- c ~~stopping work and retiring?~~
- d thanking everybody for coming.
- e saying goodbye to me.
- f parking my dad's car. It's very big.

- c Complete the text with the *-ing* form of the verbs from the list.

drive feel go have imagine leave listen not get up
not talk read send stay take turn off walk work write

What makes you feel good?

We asked our readers, and here's what they said.

- ¹ *Writing* _____ and then ² *sending* _____ a funny email or message to my friends. And of course, ³ _____ their faces when they read it.
- I really like ⁴ _____ my car at night when there's no traffic, ⁵ _____ to my favourite music. I feel completely free.
- ⁶ _____ in bed on Sunday morning and ⁷ _____ the newspaper. ⁸ _____ until about 12 and then ⁹ _____ my dog for a long walk.
- I enjoy ¹⁰ _____ to the gym and really ¹¹ _____ hard, then ¹² _____ a long hot shower followed by a nice cold drink. There's nothing better.
- I love ¹³ _____ alone in the mountains, ¹⁴ _____ the wind in my hair and ¹⁵ _____ to anyone.
- ¹⁶ _____ my computer at the end of the day and ¹⁷ _____ work! It's the best moment of the day. I love it!

