

PRACTICE: INFINITIVES AND GERUNDS

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1 I think it's a bad idea to play loud music late at night.

_____ loud music late at night is a bad idea.

2 She never does her homework on time.

She always forgets _____ her homework on time.

3 She hasn't played tennis for three months.

She stopped _____ tennis three months ago.

4 I heard her. She shouted 'Help!' very loudly.

I heard her _____ 'Help!' very loudly.

5 I don't think that I've met your brother.

I don't remember _____ your brother.

6 Please go to the shop and buy some milk on your way home.

Please stop _____ some milk on your way home.

7 It's difficult for me to meet new people because I'm very shy.

_____ new people is difficult for me because I'm very shy.

8 The spider crawled up my leg.

I felt the spider _____ up my leg.

2 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use **-ing**, **to + infinitive** or **infinitive without to**.

Rosa I'm worried about Michael. He avoided ¹ _____ (talk) to me at the party yesterday and he pretended ² _____ (not / hear) me when I asked him why.

Louis Did you do something to upset him?

Rosa Well, yes. I borrowed his phone last week and unfortunately I broke it.

Louis I'm not surprised he's annoyed with you! Did you offer ³ _____ (pay) for it?

Rosa Of course! I apologised for ⁴ _____ (break) it and tried ⁵ _____ (buy) him a new phone, but he kept ⁶ _____ (say) that it didn't matter.

Louis Why not ⁷ _____ (send) him an email? You can ask him ⁸ _____ (explain) why he's not talking to you.

Rosa OK. I'd rather ⁹ _____ (speak) to him directly, but maybe an email's the best idea.