

Verb patterns: -ing forms and infinitives

3 Complete the sentences with appropriate forms of verbs from the box.

clean drink eat feel help lock meet
speak take use

- Will they allow us _____ our bikes on the train?
- Danny agreed _____ me choose a new mobile.
- Although it isn't good for me, I'm going to carry on _____ as much chocolate as I want!
- Allie agreed _____ me outside the cinema at seven o'clock.
- As we drove away from the house, I noticed Mrs Bolton _____ her windows.
- We work in the same office – I can't avoid _____ to her.
- I arranged _____ my brother's computer while mine was being repaired.
- Once she got used to her new surroundings Lizzie stopped _____ homesick.
- If you can't sleep, try _____ hot milk before you go to bed – that often helps.
- Remember _____ the door tonight – we don't want to be burgled!

4 Tick (✓) the best explanation (a or b).

- I regret telling Claudia the news.
a I feel sorry about something I said in the past. ☐
b I am about to tell Claudia some bad news. ☐
- We stopped buying petrol.
a We stopped the car and bought some petrol. ☐
b We bought a new electric car. ☐
- I tried painting the wall.
a I was attempting to cover up a damp patch. ☐
b I couldn't reach high enough to paint it all. ☐
- Do you remember taking the tablets?
a I am asking you about the past. ☐
b I am reminding you to do something in the future. ☐
- I stopped to eat.
a I was full up. ☐
b I was hungry. ☐
- Dariusz tried to start the car.
a It had broken down. ☐
b He wanted to know if the engine was still making a strange noise. ☐

3 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- allowed / to / early. / Our / teacher / us / leave
- learn / me / My / parents / a / musical / instrument. / encouraged / to
- upgrade / the / check-in clerk / to / him / to / persuaded / business class. / Danny
- advised / some / weight. / lose / to / The / doctor / Sara
- someone / saw / the / over / wall. / I / climbing
- the / boss. / arguing / with / his / Viktor / colleague / heard

4 Match the sentence beginnings (1–14) with the sentence endings (a–b).

- I stopped watching TV ☐
- I stopped to watch TV ☐
a and answered the phone.
b because there was a fascinating documentary on.
- I regret to say ☐
- I regret saying ☐
a you were lazy, it was very rude of me.
b that you have not been selected for the team.
- I remember locking the door before ☐
- Remember to lock the door before ☐
a you go home.
b I left.
- Hilary tried closing the door but ☐
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a there was still a cold draught in the room.
b it was jammed and she couldn't do it.
- I saw my neighbour hanging out her washing ☐
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a and go back into the house.
b while I was gardening.
- We heard the orchestra playing Beethoven's ninth symphony ☐
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a as we walked past the concert hall.
b and then we went for a drink in the interval.
- I noticed a strange man taking photographs of the empty house ☐
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a and drive away in a red sports car.
b while I was taking the dog for a walk.