

1 Complete the text with the infinitive (with or without *to*) or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets.



Three years ago, an Australian couple from Perth decided 1 _____ (go) on holiday – permanently. In other words, they hoped 2 _____ (stay) on holiday for years rather than days. So far, their trip has lasted for three years and they're enjoying 3 _____ (travel) so much that they will keep 4 _____ (do) it for as long as possible.

Before the trip, Nicole Connolly ran a successful business. But the death of a family member made her 5 _____ (think) about her life in a different way. She spent some time 6 _____ (discuss) her ideas with Michael, her husband, and they ended up 7 _____ (make) a decision: they agreed 8 _____ (give up) their home and their jobs in return for freedom and adventure. But they couldn't put their plan into action immediately. They went on 9 _____ (work) for a year and managed 10 _____ (save) some money. They then sold their house and their possessions. Finally, they could afford 11 _____ (begin) their journey.

They started ¹² traveling (travel) and they've been on the road ever since. They've continued ¹³ earning (earn) some money by managing an online business, including a successful blog about their lifestyle. And although they miss their friends and family, they don't miss their old life; they definitely prefer ¹⁴ being (be) on holiday all the time.

2 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets. Your answers will depend on the meaning.

- 1 She tried _____ (open) her suitcase but it was impossible without the key.
- 2 I'm not surprised you found the film confusing – you didn't stop _____ (talk) all the way through!
- 3 I keep waking up at 3 a.m. I've tried _____ (go) to bed earlier, but it doesn't help.
- 4 I'll never forget _____ (visit) India when I was a child.
- 5 I don't remember _____ (buy) this T-shirt. Maybe somebody gave it to me.
- 6 We often forget _____ (turn) the computer off at night.
- 7 Before you go to bed, please remember _____ (lock) the front door.
- 8 There was an icy wind, so she stopped _____ (do) up her coat.

3 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use an infinitive in sentences 1 and 3 and an -ing form in 2 and 4.

- 1 I often forget _____
- 2 I don't remember _____
- 3 I stopped _____
- 4 I stopped _____

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When you learn verb patterns, you can write them like this:
fancy doing something
let sb do something

Alternatively, write them in sentences which may be useful and underline the verb pattern:

Do you fancy going out this evening?
Could you let me see that photo?