Grammar uses of the *-ing* form

Match the two halves of the sentences.

1	We're really looking forward to	b	a learning how to cook?
2	Is your boyfriend interested in		b giving our first dinner party.
3	They ended the meal by		c doing the washing up.
4	I really don't mind		d eating their soup.
5	Do you enjoy		e ordering some coffee.
6	The children haven't finished		f going to concerts?

Complete the article with the *-ing* form of the verbs in the box.

eating | telling | finishing | trying | serving | preparing | getting | knowing

The very best food

What do you think about [1] *going* to Michelin-starred restaurants? It is only the very best restaurants that have a Michelin star, but you can find them all over the world. It is true that they are more expensive than usual and the bill often comes to hundreds of pounds, but foodies love [2]_____ at these restaurants. [3]_____ the dishes is often a wonderful experience because the chefs have spent hours [4]_____ each one of them. There are usually a lot of chefs in the kitchen, and each one is responsible for one of the dishes on the menu.

[5]_____ a Michelin star is a great honour for a restaurant, because it means that the head chef is one of the best in the profession. Michelin inspectors visit restaurants without [6]_____ anybody that they are coming, so that the chefs cannot make any special preparations. But usually, the chef has an idea that an inspector is in the area because a chef from another restaurant tells him or her. After [7]_____ their meal, the inspector pays the bill and leaves, like all the other customers. It is only later that the chef finds out his or her opinion of the restaurant. [8]_____ that perhaps they are cooking for a Michelin inspector can make chefs very nervous. They usually prefer [9]_____ normal customers, who do not have to make such an important decision about the food.

