

Language focus



Grammar reference on page 218 of the Coursebook.

A Gerunds and infinitives

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given, without changing it in any way. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 She will often panic if there is a problem.

TENDENCY

She has a tendency to panic if there is a problem.

- 1 I was surprised when he said he wouldn't work overtime.

REFUSAL

His _____.

- 2 Don't bother to read that book.

WORTH

It _____.

- 3 Shall I carry your bag for you?

LIKE

Would _____?

- 4 He tried very hard to give up junk food.

EFFORT

He _____.

- 5 I'm very grateful to you for coming at such short notice.

APPRECIATE

I really _____.

- 6 I found it impossible not to laugh when he said that.

HELP

I _____.

- 7 If you don't leave now, you'll miss the bus.

BETTER

You _____.

- 8 I find it difficult to remember names.

DIFFICULTY

I _____.

- 9 They made us clean up the mess.

MADE

We _____.

- 10 She didn't like the fact that he had been treated so badly.

BEING

She objected _____.

1 Underline the correct form.

- a Joe dared his brother to kick / kicking the ball out of the window.
- b I used to spend a lot of time to worry / worrying about the future.
- c Gina tried to open / opening the door, but it seemed to be stuck.
- d The police made the two boys to pick up / pick up the litter they had dropped.
- e All night people kept to bang / banging car doors outside in the street.
- f I remember to appear / appearing in the Christmas play when I was at primary school.
- g Our teacher likes us to stand up / standing up when she enters the room.
- h Your car really needs to clean / cleaning! It's filthy!
- i I can't help to wonder / wondering whether we are going in the right direction.
- j My parents always encouraged me to think / thinking for myself.

2 Complete each sentence with a verb from the list.

avoid bear consider deny involve imagine mind regret risk stop

- a This construction project will involve demolishing part of a run-down industrial area.
- b Helen says she doesn't regret coming in early tomorrow and dealing with that problem.
- c Both teenagers deny taking part in the robbery, and claim they were not in the area.
- d I think we should avoid causing unnecessary damage to the woodland area.
- e If you exercise without warming up, you run the risk of pulling a muscle.
- f I can't imagine wearing the sort of clothes they wore in the 19th century!
- g Please stop staring at me like that! It makes me nervous!
- h People often consider not studying seriously during their schooldays.
- i Would you mind selling this painting if you received a suitable offer?
- j Sheila can't bear being pestered by fans who want her autograph.

3 Complete the text using one word in each gap.

Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh a spent the 37 years of his life as a more or less unknown artist. He did not b start painting seriously until his late twenties, and at one time c considered becoming a priest because of his beliefs. His beliefs also d prevented him living in extreme poverty among the outcasts of society. His brother Theo, who was an art dealer, e encouraged him to take up painting, and f supported to support him financially throughout his life. Vincent's precarious mental state g worsened to have been made worse by alcohol and ill health. A stay in Paris from 1886 to 1888 h allowed Vincent to study Impressionists such as Manet and Degas, and i enabled getting to know many artists, including Paul Gauguin. Van Gogh and Gauguin painted together at Arles in the south of France, where Vincent's mental state worsened and he j attempted to murder Gauguin, before famously cutting off part of his ear. Two years later Vincent committed suicide. Since his death, his paintings have k gone on to become among the most famous of the 19th century.

GRAMMAR 16 VERBS + INFINITIVE OR -ING

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1 It's very kind of you to give me a lift.

appreciate

I *appreciate you giving* me a lift.

2 If I take the job, I'll have to move to Paris.

mean

Taking moving to Paris.

3 Parking is not permitted here.

park

You are here.

4 'Shall I carry that bag for you, Pauline?' said John.

offered

John bag for her.

5 Winning the lottery meant we could buy a new car.

enabled

Winning the lottery buy a new car.

6 There is a risk that he will miss the plane if he waits.

risks

He if he waits.

7 I believed you were the murderer because of this clue.

led

This clue that you were the murderer.

8 Does using the hotel swimming pool cost extra?

pay

Do you have to the hotel swimming pool?

9 I think that this is the right street.

appears

This the right street.

10 Jean succeeded in finishing all her work on time.

managed

Jean all her work on time.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1 They said they would like me to stay with them in Florida.

invited

They *invited me to* stay with them in Florida.

2 Calling Jim is pointless, because his phone is out of order.

use

It's no because his phone is out of order.

3 It is compulsory for all students to carry an identity badge.

required

All students carry an identity badge.

4 You waste time if you copy your work out again, so don't do it.

copying

Don't your work out again.

5 I bet you wouldn't ask David to come with you to the party!

if

I dare to the party with you!

6 'Please don't leave me on my own,' Martin begged us.

him

Martin begged us own.

7 Joe doesn't like it when people treat him like a child.

resents

Joe like a child.

8 It was resolved that the matter would be brought up at the next meeting.

bring

They resolved up at the next meeting.

9 The police were told that the use of unnecessary force was forbidden.

not

The police were instructed unnecessary force.

10 If you work for this company, you have to travel a lot.

involves

Working for this company of travel.