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 ..... coming in early tomorrow and dealing with that problem.
c Both teenagers ..... taking part in the robbery, and claim they were not in the area.
d I think we should ..... causing unnecessary damage to the woodland area.
e If you exercise without warming up, you ..... pulling a muscle.
f I can't ..... wearing the sort of clothes they wore in the 19th century!
g Please ..... staring at me like that! It makes me nervous!
h People often ..... not studying seriously during their schooldays.
i Would you ..... selling this painting if you received a suitable offer?
j Sheila can't ..... being pestered by fans who want her autograph.

the arts

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 ..... painting seriously until his late twenties, and at one time c ..... becoming a priest because of his beliefs. His beliefs also d ..... him living in extreme poverty among the outcasts of society. His brother Theo, who was an art dealer, e ..... him to take up painting, and f ..... to support him financially throughout his life. Vincent's precarious mental state g ..... to have been made worse by alcohol and ill health. A stay in Paris from 1886 to 1888 h ..... Vincent to study Impressionists such as Manet and Degas, and i ..... 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 ..... to murder Gauguin, before famously cutting off part of his ear. Two years later Vincent committed suicide. Since his death, his paintings have k ..... on to become among the most famous of the 19th century.

GLOSSARY

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.