



-ing form or Infinitive



Grammar Reference

1 Complete each sentence with an appropriate *infinitive* or *-ing form*.

- 1 I can't afford not a job at the moment.
- 2 Do you mind us you while you work?
- 3 Have you considered house?
- 4 I hate it when the phone keeps
- 5 Our boss has threatened him before.
- 6 He persuaded everyone overtime.
- 7 We chose the dinner party at Mark's.
- 8 The job will involve you some time abroad.
- 9 She encouraged me for the promotion.
- 10 They have delayed a decision.

2 Complete each sentence with an *infinitive* or *-ing* form. How does the meaning of the verb change?

- 1 a I'd like (work) as a secretary.
b I like (work) as a secretary.
- 2 a He didn't remember (call) for a technician so the computer was still broken.
b That's strange I don't remember (call) for a technician.
- 3 a I'll get it done even if it means (stay up) late.
b I'm sure she didn't mean you (stay up) late to get it done.
- 4 a He stopped (buy) a newspaper on his way home.
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- 5 a Could you try (send) this fax before two o'clock? It's urgent.
b Why don't you try (send) her an e-mail at home? She'll get it quickly.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 It's too expensive to eat there. (We can't afford ...)
- 2 Everyone laughed when she tripped over the cable. (They couldn't help ...)
- 3 He's not the kind of person who would buy expensive clothes. (He avoids ...)
- 4 I left my wallet at home. (I didn't remember ...)
- 5 We'll be happy to see you next month. (We are looking ...)