

## 2D

### Grammar

## Infinitives and -ing forms

I can use infinitives and -ing forms.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) him before, although he looks familiar.
- 2 It's very rude when people stop \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to you and answer their phone.
- 3 They meant \_\_\_\_\_ (get) off the bus at the last stop, but they missed it.
- 4 Do you regret not \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party for your birthday?
- 5 My brother graduated from university and went on \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a vet.
- 6 If you stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (think) for a moment, I'm sure you'd find a solution.
- 7 He tried not \_\_\_\_\_ (make) too much noise when he got home.

2 Complete the sentences with the -ing form of the words below.

drive finish go keep live lose make

- 1 Sam discovered that \_\_\_\_\_ in a city was more expensive than in a village.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to the gym twice a week will make a real difference to your fitness.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the match was disappointing after the team had tried so hard.
- 4 My mother taught me that \_\_\_\_\_ fun of other people isn't nice.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ has become quite expensive as the cost of fuel continues to rise.
- 6 Don't worry about \_\_\_\_\_ the cleaning now – we can do it later.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ cool in the summer can be a real problem in some countries.

3 Match the sentence halves. Then complete the sentences with the -ing form or the infinitive of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If you heard someone
- 2 We have to get out – can't you hear
- 3 It was a really strong earthquake; we felt
- 4 We stood and watched the parade
- 5 Did you see him
- 6 I was horrified to feel 
  - a the ground \_\_\_\_\_ (shake) for several minutes.
  - b \_\_\_\_\_ (score) that last goal? It was amazing!
  - c something \_\_\_\_\_ (crawl) slowly up my leg as I was lying in bed.
  - d \_\_\_\_\_ (shut) the door then he must have already gone out.
  - e the fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ (ring)?
  - f \_\_\_\_\_ (come) down the street while everyone cheered.

4 Choose the correct words to complete the text.



Many people would rather **'say / not say** anything when they experience bad service. For example, in a restaurant, they would sooner **'pretend / not pretend** that their meal was fine, even if they didn't really enjoy it. But why **'wait / not wait** until afterwards, then tell your friends about it? Surely you'd sooner **'let / not let** those responsible know that there's a problem? For some reason, many of us think we'd better **'cause / not cause** a fuss, but would you really rather **'leave / not leave** a shop or restaurant feeling that you've been cheated? Why **'be / not be** more assertive next time you have a genuine complaint?

5 Choose the correct answers (a–d) to complete the sentences.

- 1 If it's still snowing, why    a cab home?  
a not getting    b get    c not get    d getting
- 2 I'm sure my parents would rather    to the theatre than a night club!  
a going    b not going    c not go    d go
- 3    in the corridor isn't allowed.  
a Running    b Not run    c Run    d Not running
- 4 She didn't mean    so much salt in the curry.  
a to put    b putting    c not to put    d not putting
- 5 Did you see anyone    suspiciously last night?  
a not behaving    b to behave    c behaving    d not behave
- 6 Would you sooner    at home this evening or go into town?  
a staying    b stay    c to stay    d not stay

6 Rewrite the sentences so that they have a similar meaning. Use the word in brackets.

- 1 If you don't understand, you should ask the teacher. (why)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Would you prefer chips or potatoes? (rather)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 It wasn't her intention to upset anyone. (mean)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 She forgot to post the parcel yesterday. (remember)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Don't spend ages on the computer before bed. (better)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Alex won't talk to him since they fell out. (stopped)  
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