

# Test M: The infinitive and the -ing form

## A

Some of these sentences are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, cross out the unnecessary word and write it in the space.

- I'm used to driving in heavy traffic every day. ✓.....
- Although ~~of~~ feeling tired, Polly didn't want to go to bed. of.....
- 1 It's important for to sign the form. .....
- 2 Peter broke his arm in playing rugby. .....
- 3 A woman accused Martin of stealing her money. .....
- 4 I wasn't sure whether to write a letter of thanks. .....
- 5 Do you remember a young man bumping into you? .....
- 6 The girl's parents wouldn't let her to stay out so late. .....
- 7 The book is too difficult enough for children to understand. .....
- 8 Police found the woman for lying dead on the floor. .....
- 9 Cars are always expensive to repair them. .....
- 10 The man died as a result of falling asleep while driving. .....

## B

This is an advertisement for the book 'Winning in Business'. Put in the correct form of each verb.

Are you fed up with (►) being ..... (be) a failure in your job? Wouldn't you rather (►) succeed ..... (succeed)?

Do you want (►) to earn ..... (earn) more money? Are you anxious (1) ..... (get) ahead? Do you believe in (2) ..... (make) the most of your talents? Do you sometimes dream about (3) ..... (reach) the top? If the answer is yes, read on. Just imagine yourself (4) ..... (run) a big successful company. And now you can do something about it instead of (5) ..... (dream). It'll happen if you want it (6) ..... (happen). Make it a reality by (7) ..... (order) your copy of the best-selling 'Winning in Business'. It has a ten-point plan for you (8) ..... (follow). Do it and you're certain (9) ..... (be) a success. You'll know what (10) ..... (do) in business. You can make other people (11) ..... (respect) you and persuade them (12) ..... (do) what you want. Experts recommend (13) ..... (buy) this marvellous book. You'd better (14) ..... (order) your copy today.

## C

Combine each pair of sentences. Use a to-infinitive or an -ing form. Sometimes you also need a preposition.

- We've advised Nancy. She should get a lawyer.  
We've advised Nancy to get a lawyer.
- I'm getting bored. I've been sitting on the beach.  
I'm getting bored with sitting on the beach.

- 1 We saw Rupert. He was looking in a shop window.  
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- 2 I remember the clown. He fell over.  
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- 3 Tessa wasn't sure. Which way should she go?  
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- 4 The porter just stood there. He expected a tip.
- 5 How about it? Shall we go to the barbecue?
- 6 Susan is used to it. She's always lived in the country.
- 7 I'm afraid. I might hurt myself.
- 8 Christopher apologized. He'd forgotten to pay.
- 9 The food was too cold. Michelle couldn't eat it.
- 10 Polly was silly. She gave away the secret.

## D

Read the story and write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

Calvin Coolidge was elected US President in 1924. He didn't believe (►) in ..... doing too much, and his slogan was 'Keep cool with Coolidge'. Soon (1) ..... moving into the White House, Coolidge invited some old friends (2) ..... have dinner with him there. They were all people he (3) ..... to know in the old days, and they were simple country people. They were interested (4) ..... see inside the White House, and they were looking forward to (5) ..... dinner with the President. They thought it was nice (6) ..... him (7) ..... invite them. But there was one problem. They weren't used (8) ..... attending formal dinners, and they were worried that they wouldn't know (9) ..... to behave. They were afraid (10) ..... looking foolish. So they decided it would be best (11) ..... everyone to copy exactly what Coolidge did.

At last the day came. During the dinner, when Coolidge picked up his knife and fork, everyone did the same. When he drank, everyone drank, and so on. Finally Coolidge decided to amuse himself (12) ..... playing a little trick on his visitors. He tipped some coffee into his saucer. Everyone did the same. (13) ..... done this, he added a little cream and sugar. Everyone did the same. Then, horrified, they watched Coolidge bend down and (14) ..... the saucer on the carpet for his cat.

## E

Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

► A: I'm annoyed about ..... (be) late.  
B: Well, I told you to set ..... (set) off in good time, didn't I?

- 1 A: Did you accuse Nigel of ..... (break) a plate?  
B: Well, it was an accident, but he did break it. I saw him ..... (knock) it off the table with his elbow.
- 2 A: I came here ..... (see) Janet. She must have forgotten I was coming.  
B: It seems rather careless of her ..... (forget).
- 3 A: Are you going to have a rest now after ..... (do) all the cleaning?  
B: No, I've got an essay ..... (write).
- 4 A: You say you need some advice?  
B: Yes, I'm sorry ..... (bother) you, but I don't know who ..... (ask).
- 5 A: Do you like Scrabble?  
B: Well, I used ..... (play) it quite a lot, but I got fed up with it. I'd rather ..... (watch) television, actually.