

Gerunds and infinitives

1 ★ Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 ☐ I know I should resist, but I can't help
 - 2 ☐ Many people fail
 - 3 ☐ Experts encourage
 - 4 ☐ Let the delicious flavours
 - 5 ☐ The curry is so spicy I have difficulty
 - 6 ☐ Do you happen
 - 7 ☐ Jack's parents tried to force
 - 8 ☐ The smell was so terrible Mum made
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- a tempt your taste buds.
 - b to know where I can get my hearing tested?
 - c him to eat broccoli when he was a child.
 - d scratching when I've got an insect bite.
 - e to understand the strong link between smell and taste.
 - f me open all the windows.
 - g tasting anything except the chilli.
 - h us to take regular breaks from staring at our computer screens.

3 ★★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

I held a snake for the first time at a small zoo in the south of England. I was surprised ¹to find (find) that it was dry and not wet. While ²_____ (hold) the snake, I felt it begin ³_____ (wrap) itself round my arm, but I didn't feel threatened. I don't think it intended ⁴_____ (do) me any harm. In fact, it seemed ⁵_____ (want) to show me affection. Nothing about the snake was what I'd expected. I felt lucky that it had let me ⁶_____ (touch) it.

4 ★★ Complete the texts with the correct forms of the verbs in bold and an object where necessary.

READ

Gavin tries ¹**to read** for at least an hour every day. He enjoys ²_____ while he's travelling to school. His mum won't let ³_____ at the dinner table though.

DO

Anastasia's parents make ⁴_____ her homework as soon as she gets in from school. They encourage ⁵_____ it before anything else. The only way she can avoid ⁶_____ it is if she has after-school activities.

WATCH

Ola can't stand ⁷_____ violent films or TV series. She refuses ⁸_____ anything where violence is shown as entertainment. ⁹_____ comedies on the other hand, she finds a great pleasure.

5 ★★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs from the box.

approach attack be ~~have~~ hunt know smell steal take

BEWARE THE BEARS!



Imagine ¹**having** a sense of smell 700 times more powerful than a human. Grizzly Bears' noses are so good that they are able ²_____ a potential meal from up to eighteen miles away. This is why it is so important ³_____ careful when you are camping in Grizzly country. The bears will be the first ⁴_____ if you leave food out, and you won't be able to prevent them from ⁵_____ your campsite if they are hungry. ⁶_____ your food is much easier than spending time ⁷_____ and while bears are not likely ⁸_____ humans, can you really afford ⁹_____ the risk?

7 ★★★★★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms of (be/get) used to and the verbs in brackets.

- 1** Although it's still a bit strange, Chris is getting used to living (live) in the student halls instead of at home with his parents.
- 2** I couldn't concentrate on audio books at first, but now I _____ (listen) to them and prefer them to reading a normal book.
- 3** When my sister was a child, she _____ (suck) her thumb all the time.
- 4** Joel _____ (not do) any exercise at all, but now he runs marathons regularly.
- 5** Bonnie _____ (get up) early after growing up on a farm.
- 6** I _____ (be) vegetarian eventually although it took a long time for me to stop missing chicken.

8 ★★★★★ Rewrite the sentences using the correct forms of used to, be used to or get used to.

- 1** It's normal for me to find cat hairs on my clothes.
I'm used to finding cat hairs on my clothes.
- 2** Life on the island is slowly becoming normal for the family.

- 3** Fiona didn't like the smell of fish in the past.

- 4** Waking up early was slowly becoming normal for Gina.

- 5** Tim played guitar in a jazz band in the past.

- 6** It was normal for Greta to speak to large groups of people.
