

141.1 Change the underlined words. Keep the same meaning, but use a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 Did you hear the bomb explode?
Did you hear the bomb go off ?
- 2 The meeting continued longer than I expected.
The meeting _____ longer than I expected.
- 3 We didn't stop to rest. We continued walking.
We didn't stop to rest. We _____.
- 4 I fell asleep while I was watching TV.
I _____ while I was watching TV.
- 5 Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to continue working.
Gary doesn't want to retire. He wants to _____ working.
- 6 The fire alarm rang in the middle of the night.
The fire alarm _____ in the middle of the night.
- 7 Martin phones me continuously. It's very annoying.
Martin _____. It's very annoying.

141.2 Complete each sentence using a verb + **on** or **off**.

- 1 We can't go on spending money like this. We'll have nothing left soon.
- 2 I was standing by the car when suddenly the alarm _____.
- 3 I'm not ready to go home yet. I have a few things to _____.
- 4 'Shall I stop the car here?' 'No, _____.'
- 5 Bill paid too much for the car he bought. I think he was _____.
- 6 'Is Emma enjoying her course at university?' 'Yes, she's _____ very well.'
- 7 I was very tired at work today. I nearly _____ at my desk a couple of times.
- 8 Ben was _____ by his boss for being late for work repeatedly.
- 9 I really like working with my colleagues. We all _____ really well together.
- 10 There was a very loud noise. It sounded like a bomb _____.
- 11 I _____ making the same mistake. It's very frustrating.
- 12 I've just had a coffee break, and now I must _____ with my work.
- 13 Peter is always trying to impress people. He's always _____.
- 14 We decided not to go to the concert. We were _____ by the cost of tickets.

141.3 Complete the sentences. Use the following verbs (in the correct form) + **on** or **off**. Sometimes you will need other words as well:

carry finish ~~get~~ get get go rip tell

- 1 A: How are you getting on in your new job?
B: Fine, thanks. It's going very well.
- 2 A: Have you written the letter you had to write?
B: I've started it. I'll _____ in the morning.
- 3 A: We took a taxi to the airport. It cost £40.
B: £40! Normally it costs about £20. You _____.
- 4 A: Why were you late for work this morning?
B: I overslept. My alarm clock didn't _____.
- 5 A: How _____ in your interview? Do you think you'll get the job?
B: I hope so. The interview was OK.
- 6 A: Did you stop playing tennis when it started to rain?
B: No, we _____. The rain wasn't very heavy.
- 7 A: Some children at the next table in the restaurant were behaving very badly.
B: Why didn't their parents _____?
- 8 A: Why does Paul want to leave his job?
B: He _____ his boss.