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GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive of the verb in brackets.

Example: You need *to buy* (buy) some new boots for winter.

1 I phoned Abdul because I wanted _____ (tell) him about the meeting.

2 Sandra left without _____ (say) goodbye to anyone.

3 I love _____ (walk) in the snow.

4 _____ (do) exercise is very good for you.

5 Try not _____ (spend) all of your money on computer games.

6 Do you know how _____ (make) bread?

7 _____ (dance) is something I really hate.

8 It isn't easy _____ (learn) Chinese.

2 Underline the correct form.

Example: I **must / don't have to** do the washing. I don't have any clean clothes.

1 They **haven't to / don't have to** work today. It's Sunday.

2 Entrance to the museum is free. We **mustn't / don't have to** pay.

3 You **mustn't / don't have to** play football near the road. It's dangerous.

4 Harry **has to / doesn't have to** go to bed early. He's very young.

5 I **must / mustn't** revise tonight. I have an exam tomorrow.

6 You **don't have to / must** tidy the kitchen. It's a mess.

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3 Complete the sentences with a verb in the *-ing* form.

be	cook	go	play	~~remember~~	travel	win

Example: I'm not very good at *remembering* people's birthdays.

1 Is Eva thinking of _____ away at Christmas?

2 _____ with young children is hard work, but it's also enjoyable.

3 I don't feel like _____ tonight. Let's go to a restaurant.

4 John dreams of _____ the lottery.

5 _____ to London by bus is cheaper than by train.

6 For me, happiness means _____ with my family and friends.

VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: I *hate* getting up early in the morning.
hate don't want need

1 We _____ going for long walks in the countryside.

want need love

2 Lynne's _____ talking to me! I don't know why.

promised stopped pretended

3 They _____ a lot of time watching old DVDs.

have spend do

4 I don't _____ driving you to the airport tomorrow.

mind good want

5 We haven't _____ decorating our new house.

hoped decided finished

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6 Do you _____ skiing?

enjoy want start

5 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: He speaks very fast. It's **bit / very** hard to understand him.

1 Taking good photographs is **quite / not very** difficult. You need skill.

2 Of course I can cook – it's **not very / really** easy.

3 The test was **a bit / not very** difficult. I didn't answer all of the questions.

4 Mobile phones are **not very / incredibly** useful. I use mine all the time.

5 Colette's **really / a bit** nice. She helps anyone who has a problem.

6 He's **not very / a bit** worried about his driving test. He's had a lot of practice.

6 Complete the sentences with a verb in the infinitive form.

be buy ~~go~~ learn look for make play rain turn off

Example: I need *to go* to the shop for some milk.

1 We got wet when it started _____.

2 Elaine offered _____ a coffee for everyone.

3 Why are you pretending _____ ill? You're OK!

4 My daughter is learning _____ the piano.

5 Did you remember _____ a birthday card for your Aunt Julia?

6 John was bored at work, so he decided _____ a new job.

7 Don't forget _____ your computer when you leave.

8 I'm trying _____ Spanish. I'm doing an online course.

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1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Making a good impression on the parents

Meeting your partner's parents for the first time can be stressful. We interviewed three people who survived! Here is their advice.

Rhonda Smith, age 26

'I was really nervous the first time I met my boyfriend's parents. Looking back, there was nothing to worry about. They wanted to know everything about me, so they asked me a lot of questions. I tried not to give my views on politics or controversial subjects, though. Of course, you have to be yourself, so if they ask you a complicated question, you have to give an honest answer. One other piece of advice I would give is: be punctual. Parents always hate people arriving late.'

Will Mansell, age 29

'My advice is 'dress to impress'. I wore a suit to meet my girlfriend's parents for the first time. I think it really made a good impression. They didn't want their daughter to go out with someone who wore an old T-shirt and jeans. Make sure you shake her father's hand firmly. This shows that you aren't a weak man. I also offered to help my girlfriend's mother in the kitchen. She liked that. Lay the table, or do the washing up, for example. Her mother will think you're great!'

Bob Tate, age 30

'I think the most important thing is to show your girlfriend's parents that you have a deep interest in her. You can do this by asking questions about when she was a little girl. Parents never get tired of talking about their children. This tactic also makes you more relaxed, because you aren't talking about yourself. Before you go to their house, ask your girlfriend what her parents like doing. If you find some common interests, conversation will be easier.'

Example: Rhonda says you have to be yourself.
A True ☑ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

1 Rhonda's boyfriend's parents didn't ask her any questions.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 Rhonda says it's OK to arrive a little late.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 Will thinks wearing old jeans gives a bad impression.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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4 Will helped with the cooking at his girlfriend's house.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 Will says talking about work gives a good impression.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 Will thinks it's important to shake the father's hand.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 Bob says it's more relaxing to talk about yourself.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 Bob thinks you must eat everything her mother gives you.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

9 Bob says you should find out about her parents before your visit.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 Write *R* for Rhonda, *W* for Will, or *B* for Bob.

Example: There was nothing to worry about. __*R*__

1 I was really nervous. _____

2 I offered to help in the kitchen. _____

3 Conversation is easier if you have common interests. _____

4 Parents love talking about their children. _____

5 I wore a suit. _____

6 I didn't talk about politics. _____

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Listening

LISTENING

1 Listen to a language teacher. Underline the correct word(s).

1 Complete beginners need to do an **intensive / evening** course.

2 Reading out loud can help your **pronunciation / reading**.

3 Learning a language abroad is **easier / more difficult**.

4 To improve your **speaking / listening**, download news onto your phone.

5 You **have to / don't have to** spend a lot of money on foreign books.

2 Listen to five people talking about what makes them happy. Match the speakers with the topics (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

Speaker 1 ☐

Speaker 2 ☐

Speaker 3 ☐

Speaker 4 ☐

Speaker 5 ☐

A dancing

B being successful

C listening to music

D singing

E planning to go on holiday

F cooking something really nice

G being with the children

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