

Infinitive vs gerund verb forms

Grammar: verbs followed by infinitive or -ing

1 Read the article below, and choose the correct form (infinitive with *to* or *-ing*) of the verbs in the box to fill each gap.

board	chase	continue	defend	do	drop	find	kill
head	knock	race	ram	see	steal	tie	

Pirates beware!

A family of four displayed amazing courage yesterday when a band of armed pirates attacked their sailing vessel off the coast of Montevideo in Uruguay.

Mr George Lewis (54), his wife, Joyce and their two sons, Nick (14) and Mark (11), were heading north towards Porto Alegre when they saw a dirty-looking fishing boat (1) _____ towards them. As it drew near, one of the men on board fired shots at the yacht, and ordered Mr Lewis (2) _____ his sails. Mr Lewis refused (3) _____ so, and instead decided (4) _____ the fishing boat.

As the pirates attempted (5) _____ the yacht, Mr Lewis steered into them, managing (6) _____ one of them into the water.

However, this only angered the others, who started shooting at him. Afraid that one of the boys would get hurt, Mr Lewis gave up and the men boarded the boat. The eldest one, obviously the leader, instructed the others (7) _____ Mr Lewis up and went below to where the boys and Mrs Lewis were hiding. Nick bravely tried (8) _____ his mother and brother, but the man hit him across the face and threatened (9) _____ them all unless they cooperated.

He hadn't reckoned on Jack. The little dog, enraged by the man's violent outburst, attacked him and bit him in the leg. 'I remember (10) _____ him throw himself in between Nick and the man,' recalled Mark. 'He was amazing. Then we heard this shot, and poor Jack yelped and fell to the ground. They just left him there, but Nick picked him up and laid him in the corner of the cabin.'

The men searched the yacht for money, but they failed (11) _____ very much. Frustrated, they went on (12) _____ the navigation equipment instead, before finally abandoning their efforts and leaving the yacht. 'I lay on the cabin floor terrified that I would find George dead, so you can imagine the relief when I heard his voice calling me to come and untie him!' recalled Mrs Lewis. 'He contemplated (13) _____ after them, but I wasn't having it. We'd been in enough danger for one day, and the police could deal with it better than us, anyway.'

Their first concern was Jack. The brave Yorkshire terrier had been shot in the leg, but fortunately, wasn't badly wounded. Mr Lewis patched him up and the family decided (14) _____ back to Montevideo, where they reported the incident to the police and the British authorities.

Although shaken by their ordeal, they intend (15) _____ their journey until they reach their final destination, Rio de Janeiro.

'We're not going to let a bunch of bullies stop us!' says Mr Lewis, adamantly.

