

# English Grammar Exercises for B2 – Infinitives and -ing forms

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## 1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I don't remember ..... (meet) him before, although he looks familiar.
- 2 It's very rude when people stop ..... (talk) to you and answer their phone.
- 3 They meant ..... (get) off the bus at the last stop, but they missed it.
- 4 Do you regret not ..... (have) a party for your birthday?
- 5 My brother graduated from university and went on ..... (become) a vet.
- 6 If you stopped ..... (think) for a moment, I'm sure you'd find a solution.

## 2. Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form of the words below.

*drive finish go keep live lose make*

- 1 Sam discovered that ..... in a city was more expensive than in a village.
- 2 ..... to the gym twice a week will make a real difference to your fitness.
- 3 ..... the match was disappointing after the team had tried so hard.
- 4 My mother taught me that ..... fun of other people isn't nice.
- 5 ..... has become quite expensive as the cost of fuel continues to rise.
- 6 Don't worry about ..... the cleaning now – we can do it later.
- 7 ..... cool in the summer can be a real problem in some countries.

## 3. Match the sentences halves. Then complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If you heard someone
- 2 We have to get out – can't you hear
- 3 It was a really strong earthquake; we felt
- 4 We stood and watched the parade
- 5 Did you see him
- 6 I was horrified to feel
- a the ground ..... (shake) for several minutes.
- b ..... (score) that last goal? It was amazing!
- c something ..... (crawl) slowly up my leg as I was lying in bed.

- d** ..... (shut) the door then he must have already gone out.
- e** the fire alarm ..... (ring)?
- f** ..... (come) down the street while everyone cheered.

#### 4. Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Many people would rather <sup>1</sup> **say / not say** anything when they experience bad service. For example, in a restaurant, they would sooner <sup>2</sup> **pretend / not pretend** that their meal was fine, even if they didn't really enjoy it. But why <sup>3</sup> **wait / not wait** until afterwards, then tell your friends about it? Surely you'd sooner <sup>4</sup> **let / not let** those responsible know that there's a problem? For some reason, many of us think we'd better <sup>5</sup> **cause / not cause** a fuss, but would you really rather <sup>6</sup> **leave / not leave** a shop or restaurant feeling that you've been cheated? Why <sup>7</sup> **be / not be** more assertive next time you have a genuine complaint?

#### 5. Choose the correct answers (a-d) to complete the sentences.

- 1** If it's still snowing, why ..... a cab home?  
**a** not getting    **b** get  
**c** not get        **d** getting
- 2** I'm sure my parents would rather ..... to the theatre than a night club!  
**a** going        **b** not going  
**c** not go        **d** go
- 3** ..... in the corridor isn't allowed.  
**a** Running    **b** Not run  
**c** Run         **d** Not running
- 4** She didn't mean ..... so much salt in the curry.  
**a** to put        **b** putting  
**c** not to put    **d** not putting
- 5** Did you see anyone ..... suspiciously last night?  
**a** not behaving    **b** to behave  
**c** behaving        **d** not behave
- 6** Would you sooner ..... at home this evening or go into town?  
**a** staying        **b** stay  
**c** to stay         **d** not stay

**6. Rewrite the sentences so that they have a similar meaning. Use the word in brackets.**

1 If you don't understand, you should ask the teacher. (why)  
.....

2 Would you prefer chips or potatoes? (rather)  
.....

3 It wasn't her intention to upset anyone. (mean)  
.....

4 She forgot to post the parcel yesterday. (remember)  
.....

5 Don't spend ages on the computer before bed. (better)  
.....

6. Alex won't talk to him since they fell out. (stopped)  
.....

**7. Complete the sentences with the infinitive, the infinitive without to or the -ing form of the verbs below.**

*argue   ask   get   pack   swim   waste*

1 I've been meaning ..... about your job interview.

2 I think my brother has fallen out with his girlfriend. I heard them ..... last night.

3 ..... is not advisable when there is a storm warning.

4 I'd rather ..... a takeaway than cook dinner tonight.

5 Why ..... time in front of the TV when you could be outside in the sunshine?

6 I remembered ..... my tracksuit, but I didn't bring my trainers, so I can't go running.